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Explosions, blackout hit Uganda's capital

AIROBI, March 25 (AP) — Four explosions hit Uganda's capital causing a 13-hour blackout and two men opened fire on the quarters of President Milton Obote's y, but Kampala residents reported Wednesday afternoon that power is back and the city is returning to normal.

Kampala residents said all electricity and national communications were cut off at 11 p.m. Tuesday night following an explosion of an electrical switching station on the east edge of the town. Diplomatic sources said there were three other explosions during the night.

Residents said two men in uniform fired Wednesday morning at what appeared to be the third floor of Uganda House, headquarters of Obote's Uganda People's Congress. There were unconfirmed reports of dead and wounded, but no details were available. All electricity international communications in the city 100,000 remained cut off until noon Wednesday.

Electricity for Kampala comes from a Nile River dam at Jinja, 80 kms away. The capital has no power plant but several electricity switching stations are located there.

In a statement distributed Tuesday, former Defense Minister Yoweri Museveni vowed to fight to the finish against the Obote government. Museveni is believed to command several thousand guerrillas based largely in western Uganda. A spokesman for Museveni claimed responsibility for a recent attack on a military convoy on the outskirts of Kampala in which 75 soldiers were reported killed.

There was no indication whether Museveni's forces were involved in Wednesday's attacks in Kampala. The incidents plunged Uganda back into the chaos that had plagued the country since former dictator Idi Amin overthrew Obote in 1971. Obote, backed by Tanzanian forces who ousted Amin in a 1979 war, was re-elected president last December.

Despite Haig's protest Reagan gives Bush a job

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan formally put his president in charge of foreign "crisis management" on Tuesday after Secretary of State Alexander Haig complained publicly in Capitol Hill about the prospective decision.

Haig expressed his dissatisfaction in testimony before Congress, naming George Bush as chairman of a "crisis management team" to coordinate the government's response to foreign and domestic emergencies. Asked if Haig was unhappy about the prospect of resigning to the position, Haig said, "I am on board."

Haig said the decision "was guided in measure by the fact that management of a crisis has traditionally — and appropriately — been done within the White House."

Haig, who earlier in the day indicated that

no decision would be made until later in the week, hurriedly summoned reporters back to the White House Tuesday evening to make the announcement. He said that as an emergency, Reagan would of course be available to make all critical decisions and to chair the crisis management team as his presence may be needed.

"Vice President Bush's role," Brady added, "is to chair the team in the absence of the president. Of great importance, he will also engage in forward planning for emergency responses, develop options for presidential consideration, and take the lead in the implementation of those decisions."

Haig said the president made the decision late Tuesday afternoon. At the White House, officials who declined to be identified said they were surprised that Haig had gone public with his complaint. The officials said Haig apparently was making a last attempt to reverse a decision that already had been made, but instead wound up only calling attention to his failure to prevail.

One administration official, who insisted on anonymity, said, "What you've got here is a little presidential politics for 1984 or 1988" — a preliminary power skirmish between Haig and Bush, who could be rivals in the years ahead for the top presidential nomination.

One official theorized that Bush was a compromise choice between Haig and National Security Adviser Richard Allen to head the team. If Haig were chosen, that would give the impression Allen was being downgraded and vice-versa, the official said.

Haig in testimony before a House Subcommittee on international operations, called himself "the general manager of American foreign policy," and said he was not consulted about the Bush assignment. Haig also said he is dissatisfied that after two months in office, the Reagan administration has been unable to establish clear lines of authority in foreign policy decision-making.

In his prepared remarks, Haig reaffirmed that Reagan has indicated to him that "the secretary of state — and his department — shall be the general manager of foreign policy." Later, however, Haig conceded that he wasn't consulted about a reported White House decision to name Bush head of a new structure for national security crisis management.

Abdullah meets Australian aide

RIYADH, March 25 (SPA) — Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, received here Wednesday John Douglas Anthony, Australian deputy premier, who is on a visit to Saudi Arabia.

Bilateral relations and cooperation in different areas formed the topics of discussion during the meeting, which was attended by Minister of Commerce Dr. Soliman Al-Amin and Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Tuwaijri, assistant head of the National Guard.

Anthony held a separate meeting Wednesday with Minister of Defense and Aviation Sultan. The two officials discussed bilateral relations and matters of common interest.

In the afternoon, the Australian deputy premier was welcomed by Deputy Minister of Interior Prince Ahmed, with whom he reviewed various scopes of cooperation between the two countries. The meeting was held by Dr. Ibrahim Al-Awaji the undersecretary.

Saudi Arabian vessel burns

PERTH, Australia March 25 (AP) — The search by an Australian Air Force plane for crewmen who abandoned a Saudi Arabian livestock carrier on fire off the west Australian coast was cancelled Wednesday at nightfall, according to Australian authorities, but was to resume Thursday.

The Australian coastal surveillance center, which is coordinating the search, said the ship, the 8,300-ton *Mukairish*, radioed that it was on fire 250 nautical miles off Geraldton.

A Liberian bulk carrier, the *Asia Gold*, Wednesday afternoon reached the *Mukairish*, which still had on board some crew members who stayed to fight the fire.

The *Asia Gold* reported that the *Mukairish* was badly damaged, but that the fire was under control. The men who remained on board were safe.

Yassir Arafat ends visit

RIYADH, March 25 (SPA) — The chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization Yasser Arafat left here Wednesday for a short visit for talks with King Khalid Crown Prince Fahd. He held talks here on the situation in the region in view of continued Israeli aggression against Lebanon and Palestinian people.

Speaking before his departure Arafat said talks were "positive and fruitful". His departure, he added, came at a time of developments in general and in the region in particular.

Arafat arrived here Tuesday from Aden to be represented at the Asian Solidarity Conference and was off by Riyadh Deputy Governor Prince Fahd and senior Palestinian officials in the afternoon.

Fire breaks out in Beirut, Baalbek

BEIRUT, March 25 (AP) — Rival supporters of warring Iran and Iraq clashed in street battles in the ancient city of Baalbek in eastern Lebanon Wednesday, and sniping broke out around the prime minister's offices in Beirut, police reported.

A spokesman said Premier Shafiq Wazzan was discussing increased security measures at a presidential palace meeting when sniper fire flared around his offices that overlooked the so-called greenline between west Beirut and east Beirut. No casualties were reported in the capital. But the spokesman said four persons were killed and more than 20 injured in ongoing fighting in Baalbek some 90 kilometers east of Beirut.

He said militiamen of the Muslim Amal organization, which supports Iran's Islamic revolution, and Arab Socialist Baath Party militiamen loyal to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's regime were involved in the Baalbek fighting.

The combatants traded machine gun fire and rocket propelled grenades, setting several buildings on fire in the city, location of some Lebanon's most spectacular Roman ruins. Baalbek's governor appealed for quick intervention by Syrian peacekeeping forces in Lebanon to rescue 150 students and teachers trapped in the cross-fire at the city's secondary school, the spokesman added.



COLLAPSES: The whole house collapsed when a car rammed its main support pillar early Tuesday in Dithmarschen, West Germany. The driver was killed, his mate injured in the accident; no one was in the house when the Mercedes rammed it.

2 Britons accused of spying

LONDON, March 25 (AP) — A former chairman of the British Labor Party, Tom Driberg, a self-confessed homosexual, was a double agent for the Soviet KGB and British counterintelligence, *The Daily Mail* alleged Wednesday.

The front-page report by veteran defense correspondent Chapman Pincher followed his allegation Monday that a former head of Britain's MI5 counterespionage agency, the late Sir Roger Hollis, was a top-level Soviet agent.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is scheduled to make a statement in the House of Commons Thursday on the allegations against Hollis — the latest in a string of scandals involving the British intelligence agency. Pincher said that Driberg, who died in 1976

aged 71, "reported on the personal and political activities of his friends and colleagues in Parliament" to both the KGB and MI5.

Driberg, a left-winger in the Socialist Labor Party, was a member of parliament from 1942 until 1974, on Labor's national executive for 23 years and party chairman from 1957-58. In 1976, Driberg was made a life peer on the recommendation of the then Labor Prime Minister Sir Harold Wilson. Driberg took the name Lord Bradwell.

Pincher claimed that Driberg reported on fellow lawmakers throughout his entire parliamentary career. "Both MI5 and the KGB had no illusions about the fact that he was working for the other side and both sought to use him for their own purposes," said Pincher.

Biggs fights jail return

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, March 25 (AP) — As Britain geared up Wednesday to extradite the great train robber, Ronald Biggs began to fight against a force return to prison after 15 years as an international fugitive.

The legal fight began less than a day after Biggs, who police say identified himself as the 51-year-old Biggs, was brought here on a chartered yacht by three former British soldiers. They were reported to be working for a publicity-hungry British security firm. Lawyers hired locally by Biggs filed a petition for a writ of *Habeas Corpus* late Tuesday and secured a court hearing for 9:30 a.m. Thursday to test the legality of Biggs' detention in Barbados. An English lawyer, David Neufield, flew in to take command of the case.

In London's Scotland Yard, meanwhile, extradition papers were being drawn up even before Barbadian authorities had received a set of the fugitive's fingerprints — the key that would allow a formal link to England's great train robbery of 1963 and Biggs' escape less than two years later from a British prison.

Brazilians upset over Biggs' son

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 25 (AFP) — Brazilians are upset over the situation of six-year-old Michael Biggs, son of the "great train robber" Ronald Biggs at present held in Barbados. The boy is being looked after by two of his father's friends, John and Maria Stanley. On television Tuesday night Michael explained that his father was on a trip to Sao Paulo.

Ronald Biggs avoided being extradited to Britain in 1974 because his Brazilian girl friends, Raymunda do Nascimento Castro, was pregnant at the time. They married after the boy was born, but have since separated. She is at present working as a dancer, in a cabaret in Winterthur, Switzerland. She is expected to return here shortly to look after Michael.

Meanwhile a professor of international law, Dr. Carlos Alberto Dunshee de Abranches, said Wednesday that if it could be proved that Biggs had been kidnapped, then Brazil would have to request his return. But reliable sources here said that the foreign ministry did not agree with him.

Pincher said that Driberg's relationship with MI5 enabled him to escape prosecution, even after arrest, for his homosexual activities. Homosexuality between consenting adults did not become legal in Britain until 1969.

The correspondent said that although Driberg did not have access to state secrets, he reported to the Soviets and to MI5 over three decades on the private lives of his most senior ministerial colleagues. Pincher added that Driberg loaned his London apartment to lawmakers, including ministers, "for their sexual liaisons" and passed on the information gathered.

Driberg, Pincher said, was trusted by British spy Guy Burgess, who fled to Moscow, but Pincher added, without elaboration, that Driberg betrayed Burgess too by dashing any hopes he might have nurtured of ever returning to Britain.

MI5 stored the information "as part of their file on MPs they were worried about," while for the KGB it represented potential blackmail material, said Pincher. In a frank autobiography, *Ruling Passions*, published posthumously in the 1977, Driberg said he first sought homosexual experiences at the age of 11, and later pursued his homosexual desires whenever the opportunity arose.

Although he married in 1951, Driberg's book gave no indication that he had heterosexual relations, and little is known about his wife. He died at the age of 71 before completing the manuscript. Oxford-educated Driberg, a left-winger, was a noted journalist. He worked for *The Daily Express* both as a reporter and later started its gossip column under the pen name William Hickey.

Meanwhile, in Ottawa, Canadian Solicitor-General Robert Kaplan said Tuesday Sir Roger Hollis, who has been named as a possible Soviet agent, may have been given secrets damaging to Canada's security.

Kaplan told reporters that Sir Roger, who died in 1973, was probably given sensitive information by Canadian security officials during two visits he made to Canada in the 1940s. Asked if the information was damaging to Canada's security, Kaplan said "It could well have been."

He said security officials had launched an investigation. Sir Roger was sent to Canada in 1945 to interview a Soviet defector, Igor Gouzenko, who had worked as a clerk in the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa and in the main cypher room of military intelligence in Moscow. In Parliament, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau denied Tuesday that he was involved in a cover-up of the Hollis affair.

Bomb mailed to politician

LONDON, March 25 (R) — A parcel bomb addressed to a right-wing British politician was intercepted at the House of Commons post office Wednesday, police said.

The bomb was addressed to Jill Knight, a campaigner for capital punishment for terrorists convicted of murder, who said she suspected it had been mailed by the Irish Republican Army (IRA).

"I can only assume it would have come from the IRA," she said. "It was made of glass and made to blow up in my face — to disfigure me." The bomb was found when a postman sorting mail at the House of Commons became suspicious of the package, police said.

In 1979 a small Marxist guerrilla group, the Irish National Liberation Army (INLA) killed conservative politician Airey Neave at the House of Commons, wrecking his car with a bomb.

Irish guerrillas have in the past sent letter bombs to prominent Britons. In 1979 a letter bomb was intercepted on its way to Employment Minister James Prior. Tension is currently high in the British province of Northern Ireland because of a hunger strike by four jailed guerrillas for political prisoner status.

Defiant judges lose job
Taking oath 'impossible', Gen. Zia told

By Shahid Qazal
Arab News Correspondent

RAWALPINDI, March 25 — President Zia-ul-Haq's provisional constitution enforced Tuesday received a serious blow from the country's superior judiciary Wednesday when Pakistan's chief justice and three other judges of the Supreme Court refused to take oath under the new arrangement.

The Chief Justice Sheikh Anwar ul-Haq sent a letter to Gen. Zia saying he found it "impossible" to take the oath. By this act Justice Haq and his three colleagues lost their jobs as the provisional constitution provides that the judges not taking oath under it would cease to hold office.

Justice Muhammad Haleem, number 3 in seniority in the 11-judge Supreme Court took oath from President Zia as the acting chief justice of the country's highest court.

The three outgoing judges included Justice Mushtaq Hussain who headed a Lahore High Court bench which sentenced executed Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto to death, in March 1978 and Durah Patel who dissented from the seven-member supreme court bench which upheld the ex-premier's death sentence by a majority vote.

In his brief letter the former chief justice referred to one of his own judgments in which he had justified the promulgation of martial law by Gen. Zia as an interim measure under the "law of necessity" but had called for an early election and return to civilian rule.

Gen. Zia who assumed power in July 77 has twice postponed the proposed elections and the new constitution has now empowered him to nominate a federal council which it calls "Majlis-e-Shoora".

The provisional constitution which took political circles by surprise has given an upper hand to military courts over the country's superior judiciary.

Meanwhile reports reaching here from provincial capitals said that about one third of the total 21 judges of the Lahore High Court had refused the oath. However, according to Radio Pakistan, all the five judges including the chief justice of Peshawar High Court had taken oaths conducted by military governor, Lt. Gen. E. Haq.

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N. Yemen denies council application

MEDINA, March 25 (SPA) — Yemen's Interior Minister Lt. Col. Ali Uthrob Wednesday denied press reports that his country had applied for membership in the recently-formed Gulf Cooperation Council. The council includes Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman.

He hailed the council, but said his government had not approached the council with a view to joining it. In addition, the minister said there is no need for a joint security organization like Interpol among the region's states. The historical and existing bonds gave the area a common destiny and created a unique character in every aspect, he added.

The dignitary arrived here from Jeddah to pray at the Prophet's mosque after performing the umra in Mecca. Earlier Tuesday, Uthrob was guest of honor at a dinner given by Mecca Governor Prince Majed at the Jeddah water tower. The minister said his visit is an important one which has achieved "exceedingly positive results in the interest of both countries."

He exchanged views with the authorities here on a number of issues of bilateral interest. The Saudi Arabian Ambassador in Sanaa Sheikh Tarad Al Harithy, who accompanied him to the Kingdom, said the visit will certainly strengthen the relations between the Yemen Arab Republic and this country and described the talks as friendly

and reflected the amity between the two countries.

Uthrob arrived here earlier in the week as a guest of the Interior Minister Prince Naif with whom he held talks about mutual security matters.

He said the ongoing talks between North and South Yemen about eventual reunification of the two countries had surmounted the impediments that delayed its realization and that unity will be declared soon. "We have reached agreement on all the issues that we handled," he said. The two countries have been engaged in negotiations toward unity for the last several years and have created number of committees to

thrash out the differences in their systems of government.

Asked about recent arrests in Sanaa of some prominent Yemenis, including former Foreign Minister Abdullah Asnag and the Deputy Foreign Minister Ibrahim Al Kibsi, Uthrob said he could not discuss the reports, but would rather leave it to the result of the investigation that is being carried out at present.

Asnag was reported in detention on charges of treason. The People's Assembly (parliament) of which he was member, has passed a resolution to lift his parliamentary immunity in preparation for the trial. No date had been fixed for that as yet.



PRAYERS: North Yemen's Interior Minister Lt. Col. Ali Uthrob (second from left) during his minor pilgrimage to Mecca. The minister then went to Medina to pray at the Prophet's mosque.

KFU approves new budget

RIYADH, March 25 (SPA) — King Faisal University of the Eastern Province approved the proposed budget for the university and teaching hospital for the fiscal year 1981-82.

The approval came at the meeting of the university's Board Tuesday night under Higher Education Minister Sheikh Hassan Al-Sheikh, the chancellor of Saudi Arabian universities. The meeting, attended by Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdol Yamani, Petroleum and Minerals University Rector Dr. Bakr Abdullah Bakr and King Faisal University Rector Dr. Muhammad Said Al-Qahani, also endorsed KAU's activity report for the academic year 1978-79.

The board agreed to certain adjustments on the executive and educational regulations of the university. It renewed Dr. Tawfiq Muhammad Al-Tamimi's mandate as the

dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Medical Sciences for three more years. Abdul Aziz Al-Harqan was promoted to the post of administration director general for Dammam.

The meeting also was attended by Sheikh Saleh Al-Husein, KAU undersecretaries, the secretary general and deans of faculties. In another educational development, Western Region Education Director General, Dr. Abdullah Muhammad Al-Zaid, met with the visiting Somali Minister of Education Adom Muhammad Ali. Cultural and educational cooperation between the two countries were discussed at the meeting.

Dr. Zaid briefed the Somali minister on the Kingdom's educational achievement. The Somali official expressed his country's appreciation for the assistance.



DEFENSE TALKS: British Defense Secretary John Nott talks with commander of the National Guard, Prince Abdullah. Recent meetings with Saudi Arabian leaders emphasized to Nott that the Kingdom's policy is to keep the Gulf regions neutral and a way from conflicts between the superpowers.

United States firm size-up meat market

By Scott Pendleton

Al-Khobar Bureau
DHAHRAN, March 25 — America is planning to capture five to 10 per cent of the beef market in Saudi Arabia in the immediate future, members of an American trade exhib-

ition of beef and food producers said.

"We're in the process of counter-attacking," after losing the Saudi market to Australia and New Zealand, said Jean-Paul Renoir, director of Middle East Marketing for Monfort, the third largest American meat packer.

COMMENT

By Muhammad Al-Wazzan
Al Bilad

Among the international community, Saudi Arabia is a country fully committed to the positive resolutions of the United Nations and, more than that, with the resolutions of the Arab and Islamic summit conferences within the spirit of Islamic unity and solidarity. It is this policy of unity and solidarity that has provided strong protection to the Arabs and Muslims against the Communist and Zionist attempts at their peace and progress.

Saudi Arabia has never believed in a limited and passive role, but has striven to play a prominent and commendable role at all levels. World Leaders come to this country to exchange views and to hold a constructive dialogue from which emanate fruitful results for the benefit of the world community.

Disturbed with the Kingdom's leading position, the Zionists try to distribute lies and fabrications to spoil its reputation and distort its image before the countries of the world. But the international community already has

understood the aims and objectives of Saudi Arabia's straight and firm policies, which a characteristic of farsightedness, frankness and maturity.

The fundamental factors on which this country has based its policy through the past 50 years will continue to keep it strong.



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To break into market

India traders open fair

By Javid Hassan
JEDDAH, March 25 — Mecca Governor Prince Majed Tuesday inaugurated the Indian trade exhibition at the Jeddah Expo center, marking India's first major attempt to penetrate the Saudi Arabian market.
 More than 200 companies representing engineering, textile, jute, handicraft and mining industries participated in the fair attended by nearly 5,000 visitors, according to the organizers.
 The governor, who toured the exhibition complex, evinced great interest in the products. Some presentations also were made. The governor and his party were shown

around by the chairman of the Trade Fair Authority of India, Muhammad Yunus, Indian Ambassador Abdul Kader Hafizka and Counselor at the Indian Embassy Kamlesh Sharma, among others.
 The exhibition highlighted India's attempt to open the third stage of exports comprising engineering and textile goods. The first stage, according to Sharma, was the export of grains, garments, spices, silk and other essentials. The second stage focused on manufactured products and tinned juices.
 "The purpose behind the exhibition is to display the three kinds of products and to show that India is a source for all varieties and can be seriously looked at for all varieties," Sharma said.
 He said the embassy had sent out invitations to all the 7,000 members of the Jeddah Chambers of Commerce besides Saudi businessmen in Jeddah, Riyadh and Dammam. He said the embassy will circulate a questionnaire to all the participants after ten days to get feedback on the orders booked, enquiries received and interest shown. "Then we shall make an assessment of the success of the fair."

Although the fair shows a wide spectrum of products, the selection could have been a little more judicious. For instance, items like typewriters would seem to have little chance in a market where excellent Italian, German and Japanese typewriters rule the roost.



EXHIBITION: Prince Majed (second from right) inspects various items in the India Trade Fair. He was accompanied by the chairman of India's Trade Fair Authority, Muhammad Yunus (second from left).

Saudia's new 747

JEDDAH, March 25 — The Boeing 747 that Saudia will be receiving in a ceremony at Boeing's plant outside of Seattle, in the United States, on Monday will be the first of 10 Boeing 747 aircraft that are due to come into service with Saudia during the next two years, and not the next 10 years as inadvertently stated by Arab News Wednesday.
 The latest addition to Saudia, will be received by Sheikh Ahmed Mattar, the director general of the national air carrier. In addition, Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States, Sheikh Faisal Albegeen, will attend the banding-over ceremony.

Majed opens charity bazaar

JEDDAH, March 25 (SPA) — Mecca Governor Prince Majed Wednesday morning opened the 19th annual charity bazaar organized by the Jeddah Women's Society.
 The society is headed by Princess Fawzia, wife of Prince Fawaz ibn Abdul Aziz. Arab and foreign products were displayed at the bazaar by companies and commercial shops. Students of dress-making and embroidery classes, and needy families, will be displaying their handiwork.
 The bazaar will be open for men from 12 a.m. to 2 p.m. The prince will soon inaugurate the Social Supervision Department set up by the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry.
 Meanwhile, Dr. Osama Shabokshi, director of King Abdul Aziz hospital here Tuesday dedicated a charity bazaar organized by female students of the faculty of medicine and sciences. A number of paintings and art works were on display. More than 25 per cent

of the proceeds of the exhibition will go to the hospital's nurses.
 In a separate development, in Dammam the Girls Schools Department Tuesday invited construction companies to bid for the building and furnishing of a number of girl colleges in the Eastern Province. A department spokesman said that the schools will be built on a 800,000 square meter land plot south of Ibn Kbaloun district in Dammam. The colleges will accommodate more than 5,000 students. The total cost is estimated at SR20 million.
 The department recently embarked on an ambitious cultural program for the girls. It invited a number of scholars and men of letters in Saudi Arabia to give lectures to the girls through the colleges' closed TV circuits. The girls are also taken in organized tours to visit sites of interest in the Kingdom.

Sweden eyes oil industries

RIYADH, March 25 (SPA) — Sweden is considering participation in the Saudi Arabian petrochemicals industry through cooperation with the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC).
 The issue was discussed Tuesday between the visiting Swedish Industry Minister Nils Osling and SABIC vice-chairman, Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Zamel. The meeting was attended by Deputy Industry Minister Dr. Fuad Al-Farisi and Dr. Rida Obaid, chairman of national science and technology center.

The Swedish minister visited SABIC Tuesday afternoon and inspected the corporation's offices. He was also shown a documentary film on SABIC's basic industries in Yanbu and Jubail industrial cities. Osling also heard a detailed explanation on SABIC's activities and the development it has achieved in hydrocarbon industries. The lecture was given by Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Zamel.
 At the end of his visit, Osling attended a banquet given in his honor by SABIC.

BRIEFS

Water plant opened
JEDDAH, March 25 — The Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh dedicated Wednesday the water purification plant in Mujamma and inspected the fields nearby. The plant has a desalination unit, water tanks and electricity generation facilities. Tuesday Prince Abdul Mosen of Medina will dedicate the Yanbu desalination plant which will add five million gallons of water to the city supply.
Public park planned
DAMMAM, March 25 — The Dammam municipality is planning to plant trees and develop a large public park in the south of the city. It already has bought land and taken steps toward carrying out the project. Besides, the Crescent beach will be supplied with umbrellas and public conveniences.
Car purchases explained
JEDDAH, March 25 — The Director of Police, Brig. Faisal Al Harithy, met with car dealers here Tuesday and told them not to sell cars to foreigners unless the buyers are legal residents here, own driving licenses and produce certificates of identification from their employers and sponsors.
Jeddah's new airport toured
JEDDAH, March 25 — The Deputy Defense Minister for Civil Aviation, Sheikh Kamel Sindi, and the President of Civil Aviation, Sheikh Nasser Al-Assaf visited the new King Abdul Aziz International Airport here to check on the preparations for its official inauguration in May.

New Saudia section opened
JEDDAH, March 25 — Saudia, the national carrier, has added a third section to its Dhahran-New York service which is higher than the economy and lower than the first class. It was supplied with better seats and its passengers will be given a better service.
Land plots allocated
BURAIQA, March 25 — Nearly 3,000 plots of land have been set aside for limited income families here, according to municipal sources. Once the land is landscaped and the services provided, the beneficiaries will be advised, they said.
Chamber of commerce efforts
JEDDAH, March 25 — The British Chamber of Commerce had agreed to train Saudi Arabian personnel in chamber work, according to Sheikh Ismail Abu Dawood, chairman of the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce. Al Medina quoted him Wednesday as saying that the British chamber will organize training courses in England, and will help make the proposed Saudi Arabian day in London a success.

Prayer Times

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To quell in-fighting

Eritreans hopeful about talks

By Ayman Zahid

JEDDAH, March 25 — Eritrean nationalist sources here expressed guarded optimism about the outcome of the recent peace conference which brought the various parties together in Tunis.
 They said that the froms fighting for the liberation of Eritrea from Ethiopian colonialism agreed to stop fighting each other and concentrate on liberation.
 The local representative of the Popular Liberation Front, Osman Dundan, said that although three previous agreements of the sort had failed to achieve reconciliation he was hopeful this time because the agreement covered all the fighting groups and that the next few months will crystallize this unity and show its value in the battlefield.
 The Tunis agreement called for an immediate ceasefire and an end to all inter-

factional strife, an end to wars of words and the exchange of accusations and charges and the formation of an Arab League committee to follow up its implementation.

The factions fighting for the liberation of their country have weakened themselves in the past by inter-ethnic fighting that enabled the Ethiopians to continue occupying their country since 1961 when the late Emperor Haile Sellasie marched into the former Italian colony and annexed it. He violated United Nations resolutions which called for the territory's right of self-determination.

The annexation was condemned as illegal and an act of outright aggression, but little was done. The three million Eritreans took up arms and nearly liberated the country, including the capital of Asmara in the 1970's. Then they broke up and started shooting each other. The Ethiopians called in the Russians and the Cubans and gained an upper hand.

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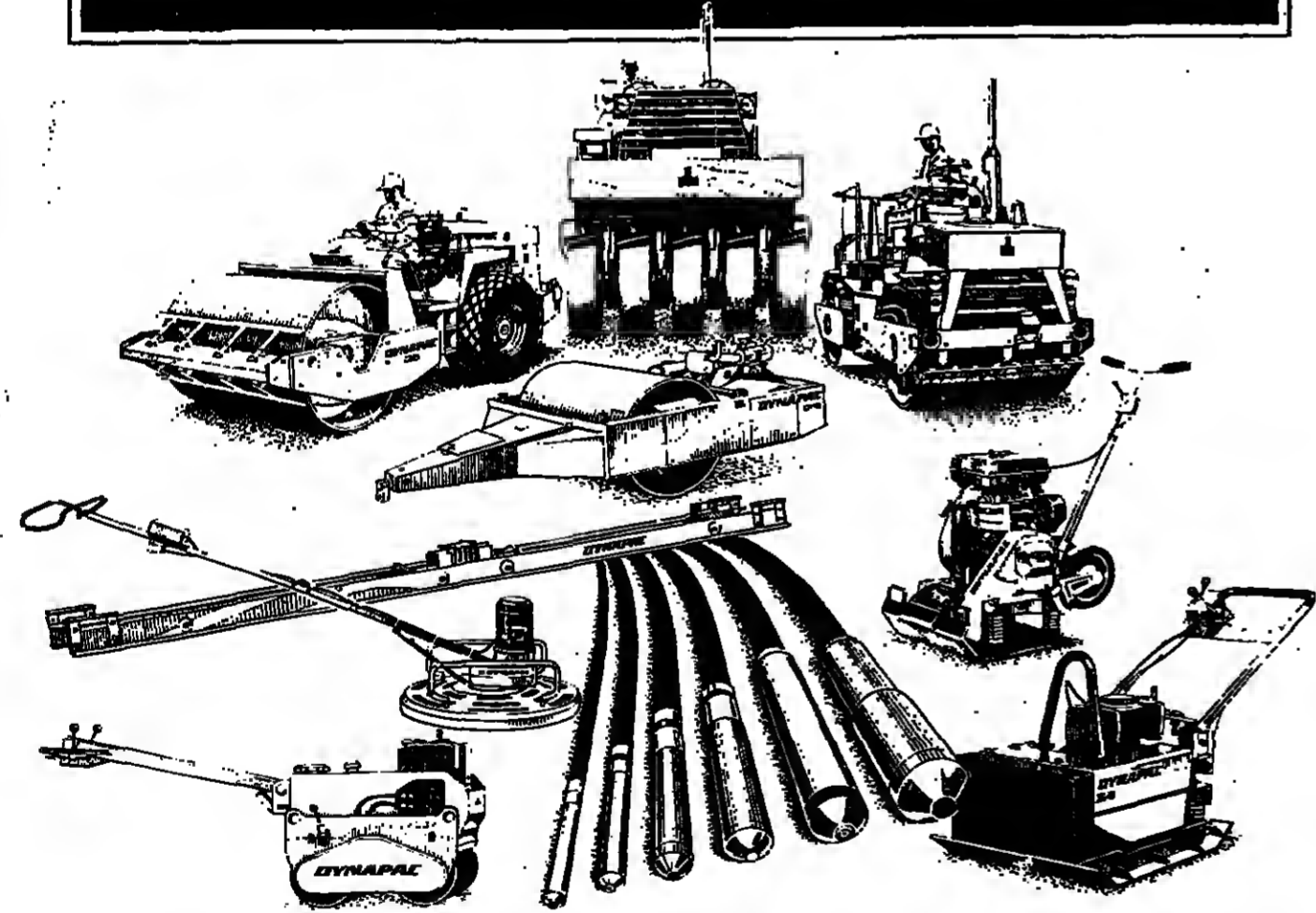
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Abortive Colombia invasion

Cuba admits giving asylum to guerrillas

MIAMI, Florida, March 25 (AP) — Cuban government news agencies have denied that the Castro government trained and armed leftist guerrillas for an invasion of Colombia earlier this month, but admitted to providing the revolutionaries "asylum."

The Havana Radio broadcast, monitored in Miami Tuesday, came a day after Colombia suspended relations with the Communist island, President Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala charged in a nationwide radio-television address Monday that Cuba armed members of the M19 — April movement — who came ashore in Colombia near the Ecuadorian border. The Colombian army, with assistance from Ecuador, smashed the abortive invasion and captured 76 guerrillas. Captured guerrilla Hermes Rodriguez said in a news conference last Saturday that he was among 80 Colombian who received military training in Cuba. "Cuba has once again violated its international obligations and persists in intervening in the internal affairs of our country, as the facts verify," Turbay Ayala said. He recalled Colombian diplomats from Havana and told the eight Cuban envoys in Bogota to leave "within a reasonable period of time."

Havana Radio said "numerous" Colombian revolutionaries have taken refuge in Cuba in recent years. "It is not a secret that asylum has been found in our country by numerous revolutionaries from several coun-

tries of Latin America whose governments are known for bloody repression, tortures, disappearances and the more cruel methods of repression developed in this continent by the Central Intelligence Agency and other official organs of the United States."

About the fact that "the government of Colombia is trying to put the blame on Cuba as an excuse for the suspension of the diplomatic relations, the Cuban Foreign Ministry has said the following," the broadcast reported: "Cuba didn't provide a single weapon to M19 or any other revolutionary organization of Colombia; Cuba has absolutely nothing to do with landings of revolutionaries of the M19 on the coasts of that country; Cuba, neither directly nor indirectly, has nothing to do with entering of weapons through any means into Colombia; Cuba categorically rejects the charges of the spokesman of Yankee imperialism and the corrupted Colombian oligarchy."

The broadcast also said that revolutionary movements have challenged increasingly "intolerable" conditions in Colombia even before Fidel Castro's 1959 Cuban revolution, praised Canada and Mexico for not "joining with imperialism," and promised that one day "all of our American countries will be together with Cuba and a group of self-respecting governments will not be allowed to be influenced by the criminal plans of imperialism."

Mice immunized

American scientists give hope for cancer prevention

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida, March 25 (AP) — Scientists for the first time have "vaccinated" animals to protect them against cancer-causing chemicals, an approach that eventually may have human application, researchers have announced.

The researchers from Boston University Medical School immunized mice with a synthetic chemical similar to one that causes skin cancer. This caused the animals to produce antibodies that chemically tied up the cancer-causing chemical, preventing it from generating tumors, said Dr. Frederick Moolten.

Speaking at an American Cancer Society seminar Tuesday, Moolten said, "It might eventually be practical to immunize against some carcinogens (cancer-causing agents) in the same way that we immunize against tetanus or diphtheria."

In another development, Dr. Daniel

Medina of the Baylor Medical College in Houston reported new studies in which the common element selenium inhibited breast cancer development in mice. Medina said this goes along with previous studies indicating selenium, found naturally in the environment, inhibits chemically induced tumors in the skin, liver and colon.

However, the scientist cautioned that little is known about how selenium works in the body or its long-term effects, and advised against taking large amounts of it, as is the growing fad.

Concerning possible immunization against cancerous substances, Moolten said past studies showed that linking carcinogens to certain proteins would stimulate antibodies when injected into animals. But until now, no one showed that these antibodies could negate or slow down the cancer-causing actions of the chemicals, he said.



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At court inquiry

Kenyan implicates minister in plot

NAIROBI, March 25 (AP) — A Kenyan accused in a coup plot against President Daniel Arap Moi identified Constitutional and Home Affairs Minister Charles Njonjo as one of the "big names" in the group seeking to topple the president, a witness has testified at a preliminary court inquiry. Njonjo, 61, has played a leading role in Kenyan affairs since independence in 1963. A leader of the Kikuyu, Kenya's dominant tribe, he is widely regarded as among the three most powerful men in government, and a possible successor to Moi.

Capt. Ricky Walthaka Gitucha, described in court as an undercover agent for the Kenyan armed forces, testified Tuesday that defendant Dickson Kamau also told him the group had given money to former air force commander. Gitucha did not identify the commander.

"He (Kamau) told me that the group that he belongs to has got big names like Njonjo, and even they had given money to the former air force commander, and when this was discovered, it had to be squashed at a very high level by Nderi," Gitucha said. He did not identify Nderi. Ignatius Nderi is director of the Kenyan Criminal Investigation Department (CID), the national detective force. As

home affairs minister, Njonjo controls the CID.

Njonjo was reported to be in Kenya after a recent trip to Britain. He was not immediately available for comment. The alleged plot is the second officially reported against Moi, who took part in one of Africa's rare peaceful transfers of power in 1978, when he moved up from the vice presidency on the death of Jomo Kenyatta, Kenya's first president and founding father.

A second person accused in the plot, Nairobi businessman Andrew Mungai Muthemba, is the first Kenyan since independence to be charged with treason. He faces a mandatory death sentence if convicted. Except for a sedition plot in 1971, no other conspiracy reported against the government has involved the names of officials at such a high level.

Kamau is accused of failing to disclose to authorities his knowledge of the alleged plot. Gitucha testified Monday that Muthemba was part of a group that planned to set up a 50-man assassination squad, using weapons to be obtained from the armed forces, to kill Moi and a few close associates. The group was said to be unhappy with the conditions in Kenya. Gitucha said Monday Kamau met him

for the first time Feb. 4 and described himself as a relative of Kenyatta. Kamau named a few prominent persons in connection with the reported plot, Gitucha said. He did not give the names Monday but, as the air force captain neared the end of his testimony Tuesday, deputy public prosecutor Sbarad Rao told the court Gitucha wanted to elaborate on the Feb. 4 meeting with Kamau. Gitucha then mentioned the names of Njonjo and Nderi.

Gitucha said he had a final meeting with Muthemba on Feb. 19. He said he asked Muthemba about the group's ideology. Gitucha said Muthemba replied: "If a person asks such questions, he is either trying to learn more about the group or he has been sent to spy on the group." Gitucha testified that Muthemba said that if he, Muthemba, ever betrayed the group, he would be "paraded before either Moi or Njonjo and he will say only two words and he will go free." Gitucha did not explain the remark.

The air force captain said Muthemba had asked him to provide weapons for the group and was becoming impatient about his failure to deliver the goods. He said Muthemba gave him a list of top-priority arms the group needed.

Doctors ask superpowers to prevent nuclear war

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP) — Doctors from 10 nations, including President Leonid Brezhnev's personal physician, have appealed to Soviet and American leaders to embrace prevention as the only cure for an epidemic of nuclear weaponry they called the "far greater threat" to life than any disease.

When someone is ill, noted Evgeni Chazov of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, they look to the physician to heal them. "And now," said the Soviet president's doctor, "we say it is necessary to save mankind. Life and nuclear war are incompatible."

Messages to Brezhnev and U.S. President Ronald Reagan, coupled with appeals to other leaders and physicians worldwide, were issued Tuesday at the conclusion of a four-day meeting of international physicians for the prevention of nuclear war at a rural Virginia retreat near Washington.

"Nuclear war would be an environmental disaster ... threatening the very survival of civilization," Dr. Jack Geiger of the City College of New York, told a news conference to announce the appeal. Geiger added that the possibility of a tactical nuclear war with limited casualties is about as likely as a medical opinion that death is reversible.

Dr. Bernard Lown, of the Harvard School of Public Health, noted that in the event of a nuclear war physicians could be of little help. Many of them would be killed, he said, and the few survivors would be overwhelmed. Dr. Patricia Lindop, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital in London, warned that civil defense measures could merely be a "cruel deception" because the few survivors would find no resources remaining to keep them alive.

Indeed, Geiger said, in a nuclear attack a shelter would merely become a crematorium. In the great World War II firestorms in Hamburg and Dresden, he observed, the survivors were those who fled the shelters. He added that people think they would eventually get outside help if they survive a nuclear attack. In this case, he said, "there will be no outside."

Reagan's physician, Dr. Daniel Ruge, was unable to attend the conference. He did, however, send a letter noting that Reagan is aware of the consequences of a nuclear war. "It is our responsibility to work for the prevention of nuclear war and toward assuring the security of our nation," Ruge wrote.

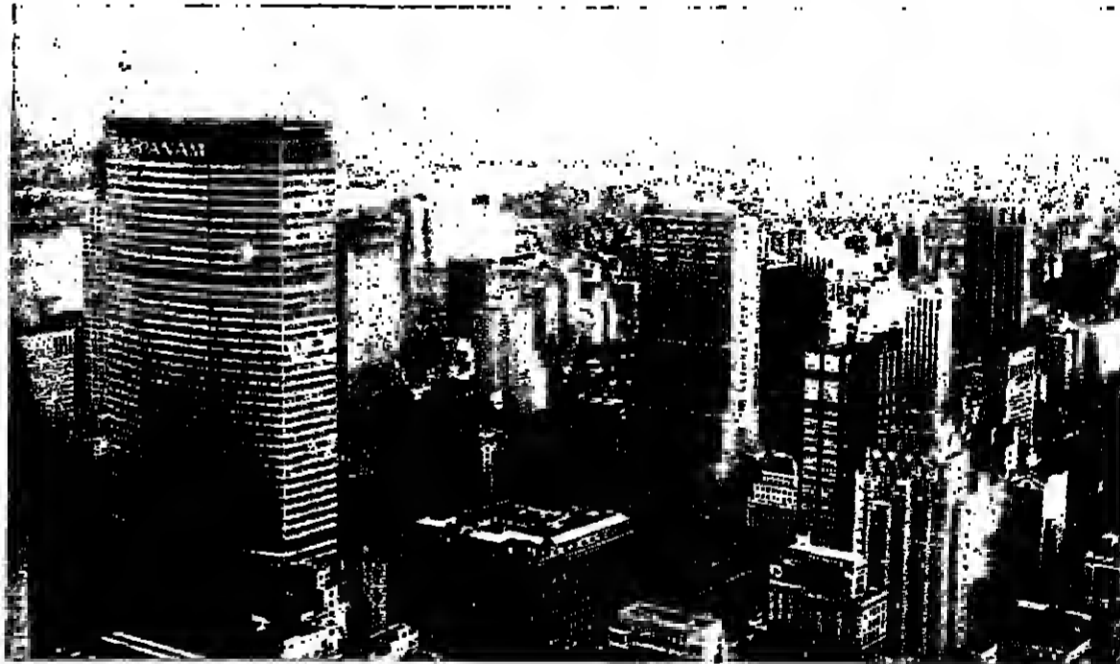
Other physicians attending Tuesday's news conference included Dr. Takeshi Okita of Hiroshima University, Dr. Emil Wennen of the Netherlands, Dr. H. Marcovitch of the Pasteur Institute in Paris and Dr. Nikolai Bochkov of the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

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Haig meets Soviet ambassador

Dobrynin says talks to continue

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP) — Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin and Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig have met privately to open a dialogue between their two nations which Dobrynin said will continue.

The session Tuesday was the first between the two men since Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev proposed on Feb. 23 in Moscow that he and U.S. President Ronald Reagan schedule a summit conference to discuss the outstanding issues between their two nations.

Emerging from a luncheon meeting with Haig, Dobrynin said the two had held "a good businesslike lunch" and had agreed the dialogue they had begun will continue. He shed no light on whether a summit will be held anytime soon.

"It was the beginning of a dialogue which we now are conducting with the administration on questions of Soviet-American relations and the international situation," Dobrynin said. "It's envisaged we will continue the dialogue," he said. "We have so agreed with the secretary."

Haig said March 13 that he hopes progress can be made at talks lower than the chief executive level which would at some point suggest that a meeting between Reagan and Brezhnev would "be both productive and in order." He said he did not want to leave the impression that this might happen anytime soon.

"There are too many outstanding differences between ourselves and the Soviet Union which, unfortunately, have brought the state of world peace to a very precarious level," Haig said at the time.

Haig also used the term "dialogue" to describe the anticipated meeting with Dobrynin and other contacts with the Soviet Union. He emphasized it is not in a period of isolation and that it is dealing with the Soviets at a number of levels. Dobrynin noted that the meeting was his first session with Haig

since returning from the 26th Communist Party conference in Moscow.

When visiting the State Department in previous administrations, Dobrynin's limousine was permitted to enter the State Department parking garage, thus enabling the ambassador to avoid reporters or demonstrators. Reagan's administration rescinded that privilege and no arriving at the department Tuesday, the Soviet Embassy car dropped Dobrynin at the department's diplomatic entrance where he was met by officials. He did not comment on the change.

Meanwhile, a lengthy commentary published Wednesday in the Soviet Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* accused the Reagan administration of an "unprecedented superarming of the United States." Yet like others before it, the *Pravda* commentary also said the "Soviet Union wants normal relations with the United States" and urged the new administration in Washington to "look at things more realistically."

The wide-ranging article, signed by commentator Igor Alexandrov, amounted to a major restatement of Brezhnev's speech last month. It repeated the Soviet leader's proposals for talks on international aspects of the Afghan question, a resumption of strategic arms talks, the extension of so-called "confidence building measures" and for a moratorium on the stationing of nuclear missiles in Europe.

The article's publication in full early Wednesday morning by the official Soviet news agency Tass suggested that Soviet officials deemed it important, even though it contained no fresh proposals. It could be seen as part of the Soviets' continuing campaign to reassure Washington to respond favorably to Brezhnev's proposals. Since Brezhnev made his speech, Soviet envoys around the world have trumpeted the proposals in private meetings and public gatherings.

Former hostage linked to crime

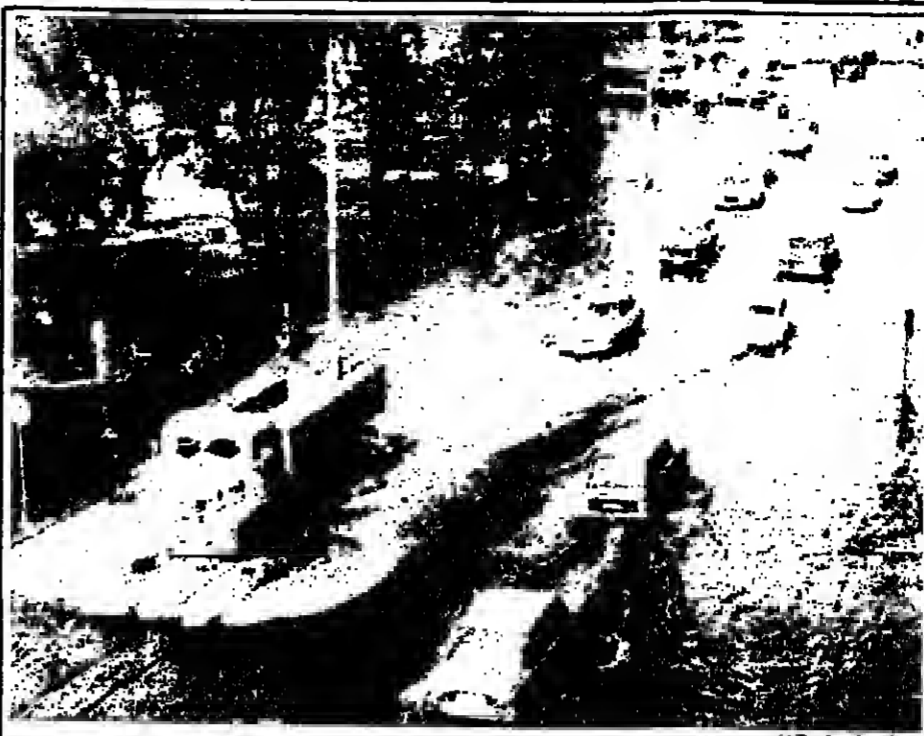
LOS ANGELES, March 25 (AP) — Ex-hostage Jerry Plotkin, honored as a hero when he returned to the United States from his 444-day captivity in Iran, has been linked to organized crime and has an extensive arrest record, the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner* has reported.

When he was seized Nov. 4, 1979, at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, Plotkin was working surreptitiously as a representative of a company owned and controlled by the family of the deposed Shah Muhammad Reza Pahlavi, the newspaper said Tuesday in the first of a three-part series of Plotkin.

The newspaper did not elaborate immediately on Plotkin's link to the business. Plotkin's lawyer Steve Klein said Tuesday, "Yeah, I've heard about it (the article). We have no comment at this time. We don't know at this time what our plan of action is."

Plotkin, 47, got a city hall tribute when he returned here Jan. 31. On Jan. 20, the *Van Nuys-based Daily News* quoted Los Angeles Police Lt. Clark Wardle in the department's narcotics division, as saying Plotkin was a "heavyweight" in cocaine and some heroin dealings. Plotkin later sued the *Daily News* for \$60 million, claiming the story was libelous.

Police chief Daryl Gates issued a statement denying his department had Plotkin under investigation. Wardle, cleared of any wrongdoing after an internal affairs investigation has been unavailable to reporters ever since. But the department issued a release saying Wardle denied the statements. The *Daily News* said it stood by its story.



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U.S. moves to restrict immigrants

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP) — Legislation to stem the tide of illegal immigrants into the United States by tripling the size of the border patrol and requiring social security checks on prospective employees has been introduced in the House and Senate.

The bills introduced Tuesday would increase the size of the border patrol from 2,100 to 6,000 officers over the next four years at an estimated annual cost of \$200 million. The legislation also would set up a mechanism under which the social security administration would be required to play a greater role in policing immigration, now largely the job of the immigration and naturalization service.

The census bureau estimates there are less than 3.5 million illegal aliens in the United States. Other officials, however, say the number could be as high as 10 million. The legislation, as soon as it is enacted, would require job applicants to give their potential employers affidavits saying they are citizens or legal residents of the United States.

The second phase, to be implemented within two years, would require employers to verify a job applicant's social security number. Under the program's third phase, individuals would have to submit more proofs they were born in the United States or are in the country legally in order to obtain a social security card. Only a birth certificate is required now.

W. German air force reportedly restricted

BONN, March 25 (AFP) — The West German air force is no longer fully operational following the recent government decision to cancel or postpone the introduction of new weapons systems, according to a secret report by Luftwaffe chief of staff Gen. Friedrich Obleser, the Christian Democrat newspaper *Koelnische Rundschau* has said yesterday.

A defense ministry spokesman confirmed the existence of the report but said the newspaper version was not accurate. The *Koelnische Rundschau* said Luftwaffe chiefs had concluded that the air force would be markedly restricted in its defense task, with repercussions on the capabilities of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The Luftwaffe will have to bear the brunt of any Soviet offensive with its Tornado multi-role combat aircraft. But the Tornado's main armament is not scheduled for introduction until 1986 and a long-range guided missile, the Maverick will not be used at all, the paper said.

U.S. presence in Asia will deter Soviets -- Ito

WASHINGTON, March 25 (R) — Japanese Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito has said the Soviet Union was attempting to change the military balance in Asia and called on the United States to remain vigilant.

"The stability in Asia ultimately rests upon a strong U.S. military presence and I sincerely hope that the United States will continue to maintain its strong concern about this region," Ito told the Japan Society Tuesday. His remarks followed two days of extensive discussions with President Ronald Reagan and his senior advisers. "One of the elements of instability in the Asian scene is the Soviet military buildup, and we need to be vigilant on Soviet moves to change the status quo in Asia in its favor," Ito said.

Ito praised the Reagan administration's economic plan aimed at bringing inflation under control while stepping up U.S. military spending to meet the Soviet challenge. He said Japan was also aware of its own responsibilities in defense and he had emphasized this in talks with the administration officials.

Ito made only a passing reference to American attempts to restrict Japanese car exports to the United States, a subject which has dominated his talks in Washington. He said only that Japan wished to extend as much cooperation as possible for the revitalization of the U.S. car industry. "I strongly hope that through close consultations and communications between our two governments a way will be found by which the car industries of both the United States and Japan can co-exist and prosper," he said.



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Pakistan expels six mercenaries

ISLAMABAD, March 25 (R) — The Pakistan government has ordered the expulsion of six British and U.S. mercenaries who arrived in the country last weekend. One of them, John Pilgrin, a former associate of British mercenary commander Mike Hoare, told Reuters that the team was part of a vanguard exploring the possibility of fighting against the Soviet armed forces in Afghanistan.

A government statement said the expulsion orders were issued on the grounds that Pakistan had not allowed and would not allow its territory to be a conduit for the supply of men and arms to the Afghan Mujahadeen (Muslim freedom fighters). The six men checked into a hotel in Peshawar, the Pakistani city near the Afghan frontier, earlier this week but had not been seen since, authoritative sources said Wednesday.

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Europe feels recession will end soon

By Allan Barker

LONDON —

With the arrival of spring in Europe, the continent is peering anxiously for an economic upturn that will provide some relief from the problems of its deep recession.

Statistics from the various capitals and from Brussels, headquarters of the European Common Market, have been as gloomy as the winter weather of the last few months. The economic downturn that followed the second oil price shock of 1979-80 has swept through Western Europe, catching the Scandinavian countries in its grip as well as the EEC.

The depth of the slump has surprised governments and economists, and there are few signs of an upturn on the horizon before the middle of the year. But several economic experts predict a gradual recovery starting about mid-year. Some even speculate that the trough of the recession has been reached and that this will become clearer in retrospect as the year progresses.

Even when recovery starts, officials are increasingly worried about how battered industries will be able to compete with the stronger economies of Japan and the United States.

There is concern about a technology gap between West Europe and its Japanese and U.S. competitors, and the urgent need to restructure outdated European industries to meet the challenges of these other industrial powers and cheaper third-world manufacturers for the remainder of this century.

Confidence has been shaken by the ease with which the Japanese in particular have been able to increase their car and electronic exports to markets such as West Germany and Britain in the last couple of years.

"We must modernize our production structure and adapt it to the new requirements of the world market if we are to remain competitive or become competitive again," Common Market Commissioner Wilhelm Hafertkamp said last month.

Recent statistics on the state of Europe's economic health tell a depressing story. In the 10-nation European community, unemployment is at a record 8.6 million, or 7.6 per cent of the workforce. In Belgium and Britain, where recession has hit hardest, the jobless rate is 10.6 and 10.2 per cent respectively.

So, EEC heads of government have plenty to think about at their summit in Maastricht, the Netherlands, this week. Their problem, in short, is how to get more growth without a resurgence of inflation.

The EEC is worried about the West German economy, which has faltered badly in the last year, running up a huge deficit on its balance of payments mainly due to oil imports and where growth is likely to be zero at best this year.

A strong West German recovery would help pull the rest of Europe along with it, but the German monetary authorities were recently forced against their will to raise interest rates to defend the mark against the dollar. West Germany's tight-money policy, though succeeding in boosting the mark, is believed by analysts to have choked off hopes of an early economic upturn.

In Britain, the government's recent deflationary budget is believed to have delayed recovery from the recession, with the trough now expected during the summer or early autumn rather than this spring, according to most leading forecasters.

In Italy, the authorities last weekend devalued the lira within the European monetary system by six per cent and sharply increased the bank rate from 16.5 to 19 per cent. But a decision on other austerity measures was postponed. Although the country still faces serious economic problems, the National Economic Studies Institute said last week that conditions for a mid-year recovery were gradually developing.

In France, growth has been slowing due to restrictive government fiscal policies and the industrial outlook is expected to remain weak until a probable recovery in 1982. (R)



WELCOME DECISION

Much has been said on how ugly politics has become in many parts of the Arab world, so much indeed that some good aspects tend to get forgotten, some features which, although far from redeeming the general confused and confusing picture, still go some way in showing that brutalization by power and the struggle for power is not all, that some virtues are too deeply rooted to be effected by circumstance.

An example of this is afforded by the turbulent politics of Syria in the fifties and sixties, when the successive regimes which came to power through military coups did not see fit to cut off those who were displaced. The officers who lost power and were consequently dismissed from the army had their rights to their pensions preserved. This was paid to them wherever they were. The principle was that being caught on the wrong side of the political fence did mean loss of livelihood and denial of all other rights.

As for Egypt, it has to be noted that in all the time since Muhammad Nagib first displaced Farouk, not a single drop of blood was split in the numerous struggles for power afterwards. Farouk himself, indeed, was allowed to leave the country and live unmolested abroad. When he died, his body was brought back to Egypt and was buried there.

President Sadat's decision to pardon Ali Sahri, Sami Sharaf, Muhammad Faiq and Farid Abdul Karim, all of them serving ten-year sentences for seeking power through what was taken as illegal means, is of a piece of this generous tradition — whatever other political motives the action might also have. It is a most welcome sign that the essential humanity of the Egyptian political ethos is still intact.

Japan prepares blockade against Soviet navy

By Donald Kirk

TOKYO —

The United States and Japan have, for the first time, adopted a joint strategy for blocking critical straits around Japan in case of Soviet attack.

Defense agency chiefs revealed the plan recently under questioning by Socialist Party politicians critical of Japan's military budget. Previously, Defense Agency officials had said merely that the U.S. and Japan would eventually settle on a formula for doing so.

The revelation of the strategy for sealing off key shipping lanes, including the Tsushima Strait between Japan and Korea, the Tsuruga Strait between the large northern island of Hokkaido and the main island of Honshu, and the Soya Strait between Hokkaido and Soviet Sakhalin, emerged amid a wave of fresh criticism of Japan's reluctance to spend more money on its euphemistically-named

'Self-Defense Forces.'

Defending the budget against socialist demand for further cuts, the director-general of the Defense Agency Joji Omura, said Japan might have to 'seal off these waterways as a defensive tactic against the attacking ships' provided 'the defense of the nation is at stake.' The director of the agency's Defense Bureau Akira Shiota said 'the matter of an invasion' was one hypothesis covered in the joint strategic plan of the U.S. and Japan.

The debate over what might appear as a basic element in any defense of Japan dramatized the delicacy of the entire defense issue. The ruling Liberal-Democratic Party Thursday rammed its 1981 budget through the powerful budget committee of the lower house, ignoring Socialist and Communist demands for a tax cut.

The budget provides for a 7.5 per cent increase in defense spending which will total about \$11.5 bil-

lion, still well within the limit set by long-standing policy of 1 per cent of the nation's gross national product. More and more military and business leaders have been decrying the '1 per cent taboo,' and claiming Japan is woefully incapable of staving off Soviet military strength in the region.

Japan's newly-retired chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Goro Takeda, criticized his countrymen this week for failing to achieve a national consensus in favor of the kind of build-up recommended by the Defense Agency and by the United States.

'In terms of a national consensus, the situation is improving' he told foreign correspondents, 'but it is still far from sufficient.' He avoided calling for conscription but said pointedly that the army, authorized to have 180,000 troops, could muster only 154,000, while the reserve power for the army, navy and air force now totals a mere 40,000.

Gen. Takeda expressed grave doubts about

Japan's ability to achieve, within the 10-year deadline, aims specified in defense plans adopted in 1976. However, he dissociated himself from American pressure on Japan for a big increase in defense spending. 'To increase defense capability is entirely what Japan should do by itself,' he said. 'But it will be wrong to do it under pressure from another country or a threat of any kind.' (ONS)

Letters to the editor

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Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Wednesday led with Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan's reaffirmation that Saudi Arabia's policy is to keep the Gulf region neutral and away from all factors that affect peace in the region.

Newspapers frontpaged Prince Sultan's talks with visiting Defense Secretary John Nott, who paid a visit to the King Faisal Air Academy in Riyadh Tuesday. The arrival of Australian Minister of Trade John Douglas Anthony and his audience with King Khalid formed a prominent page one story in the newspapers, which also reported the execution of four Mauritanian officers who had staged an abortive coup in Nouakchott eight days ago. *Al Yom* quoted a spokesman of the U.S. State Department as saying the U.S. has proposed \$500 million military and economic aid to Pakistan.

Newspaper editorials commented on the significance of the Gulf Cooperation Council. They also highlighted Prince Sultan's reaffirmation that the Kingdom would never accept any alien military presence in the region. Some papers discussed Saudi Arabia's role at the level of international politics and economy, saying that the Kingdom is always ready to interact with any power that takes into consideration the Arab issues, mainly Palestine, as well as the usurped legitimate rights of the people of Palestine.

In an editorial, *Al Riyadh* referred to Crown Prince Fahd's views on the significance of the Gulf Cooperation Council, and said that his clear-cut remarks on the usefulness of the council removes

any doubt on the nature of cooperation among the Arab states of the Gulf. The paper reiterated that the council has been set up not only for the welfare of the peoples of the region, but for the good of humanity at large.

Referring to Prince Sultan's reaffirmation of the Kingdom's firm stance on the presence of any alien military force in the region, the paper said the Kingdom's refusal to accept such a presence is quite logical and reasonable, as peace and security of the region is the direct responsibility of the peoples and leaders of the region.

Discussing the current visit of the British defense secretary to the Kingdom, *Al Yom* highlighted the significance of Riyadh which, it said, has become a center of political attention as a result of its moderate and poised policy at Arab, Islamic and international levels. The paper added that Nott's visit takes place within the framework of fostering bilateral relations and probing further scope of cooperation in the military sphere. It also referred to the impending visits of U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt to the Kingdom, and highlighted the Kingdom's responsibility in explaining the latest developments in the Arab-Israeli conflict and the neutral stance of the U.S. in this sphere.

Al Bilad commented on the speech of Riyadh Governor Prince Salman on the inauguration of a judicial complex in Riyadh. Endorsing the Kingdom's keenness on the enforcement of the Islamic law (Sharia), the paper said that prevailing peaceful

and stable conditions have not emerged from vacuum but are the result of continuous development and construction throughout the past 50 years under the umbrella of the divine law. Prince Salman's reaffirmation is only a renewed expression of the big responsibility that the Kingdom carries toward the enforcement and popularization of the Islamic law, the paper added.

Discussing European support for the Arab cause, *Okaz* referred to the European summit conference which was held in Holland Tuesday, and said that "we do not want the summit to come out with statements on its good intentions toward the Middle East issue, but we want it to work with its conscience giving weight to morality and justice and not to its material interests in the region." The paper urged the European community to adopt a clear stance based on right and justice to the people of Palestine. It also called upon Europe to convince the U.S. that the Middle East can accept no piecemeal solution to its problems.

On the other hand, *Al Nadwa* dealt with the malicious campaigns of hostile circles against Saudi Arabia. It said that such campaigns are launched because the enemies of Arabs and Muslims do not feel pleased with their insistence on the liberation of occupied Arab lands, including Jerusalem, and an independent and sovereign state for the people of Palestine. The paper highlighted a statement by the minister of information who said that Saudi Arabia insists on a comprehensive peace based on right, justice and international law.



We have made him (Maj. Haddad) famous, can't we set up a state for him? Al-Jadid

Arab News Diary

JEDDAH

By a Staff Writer

WHILE THE DOCTORS were busy preparing their papers at the sixth medical conference held in Jeddah last week, their wives were busy visiting welfare societies, the old city of Jeddah, shopping in the souq and attending two dinner engagements. Mrs. Farsi, wife of the mayor, entertained them to a dinner at the water tower Tuesday night. The breathtaking view of the sunset and the panoramic view of this "bride of the Red Sea" was a rare treat for the guests. On Thursday night, Huda Zahran, wife of the dean of medical college, also arranged a dinner which was followed by a folkloric program at the Meridian Hotel.

PAKISTAN'S NATIONAL DAY was celebrated Monday with a flag hoisting ceremony at the Pakistan Embassy. The same evening, Najmat Sagib Khan, Pakistan's ambassador to the Kingdom, held a reception at the Nova Park Hotel to mark his country's Republic Day. The function was well attended. The Pakistan Ladies Group at the same time held a coffee morning at the home of Khalida Ziauddin where Mrs. Sagib, wife of the Pakistan ambassador, and Mrs. Asif Abi spoke about the significance of the day. Everyone joined Mrs. Shamshad in singing national songs.

ANOTHER COUNTRY which celebrated its national day this week was Greece. The Greek ambassador and Mrs. Menglides hosted a reception at their residence Tuesday evening. The weather was perfect for the large gathering to stay outdoors where two mock swans adorned with flowers floated around in the swimming pool — a Mrs. Menglides' inspiration! A friend of the hosts had presented a Greek flag made of blue and white carnations that stood by the entrance.

THE INDIAN TRADE FAIR was inaugurated at the International Expo Center Tuesday evening. It will continue until April 2. The exhibition has been organized under the aegis of the Indian Embassy and the Indian Trade Fair Authority. On display are a variety of items including heavy machinery, electrical goods, furniture, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, handicrafts etc. manufactured by more than 200 companies. Open daily from 5 to 10 p.m.

ANDRE BERNARD is back as he promised last year to his audience. He will present *Handle and Telemann* on the trumpet accompanied by Caroline Heffner on the piano on March 26 at 8:30 p.m. at the Continental School. The concert is arranged by the Jeddah Concert Committee under the auspices of the Royal Netherlands Embassy. Tickets for SR40 will be available at the door.

THERE WILL BE a coffee morning for the British community wives on April 6 at 10:30 a.m. at the ambassador's garden. Children are welcome.

THE GERMAN EMBASSY will hold German courses: one for the beginners; an advanced course; and a course for women. The course will start on April 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and will end on June 24. The registration will begin from March 29th to 31st at the embassy from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For details, contact on 665 3344; 665 3545 or 665 7225

RIYADH

THE RIYADH FAIR, held at Al-Daiafa Exhibition Center in Oleya, was a roaring success. On display were the latest and diversified consumer products from shoes to jewelry, cosmetics, furniture and home appliances. Sunday and Tuesday were reserved only for women, which was highly appreciated. Children were given gifts. Refreshments were in plenty. The fair was sponsored by the Riyadh Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

THE AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN'S group held a luncheon meeting at the International Hotel. The guest speaker was Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer.

LA FESTIVAL — "A Taste of Britain" — is being held until Thursday in collaboration with British Airways at Riyadh Palace Hotel. It features British food and various products presented with the traditional British style. The restaurants will be playing British themes.

THE PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL

airlines' new office was opened by Sheikh Alqosaibi. It was well attended. Tea and refreshments were served. The office is on the Airport Road, just near Al-Yamama Hotel.

THE INTERNATIONAL businessmen's Association had its monthly luncheon meeting at Al Khozama Hotel. The speaker was Guy Cantley, the first secretary of the British Embassy.

THE SWEDISH TECHNICAL week, held at Intercontinental Hotel under the patronage of Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Alqosaibi, was useful and educative. The display has ended, but the Swedish specialties are still available at the Oasis Restaurant of the hotel along with a Swedish smorgasbord in the coffee shop from 12 noon to 3 p.m. and from 7:30 to 11 p.m. daily until 28th of this month.

GERMAN LANGUAGE courses will be held on Saturdays and Mondays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for the beginners; and an advance course from 8 to 9:30 p.m.; and a conversation course Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The courses start on April 4 and end mid-June. The courses will be open to everyone with a basic command of English. For details contact 476 1454.

EASTERN PROVINCE

FOUR CATS flew home in triumph to Khobar from Switzerland last Friday. These Persian cats, three of whom were born as well as bred here, stole the show at the international cat show in Basel, winning two first and two second prizes in the prestigious competition. One pussy, named Shadow, placed "best cat of show" in her class. The cats so won the hearts of the judges that they wanted to buy them on the spot. Accompanying the aristocrats were the proud owner Betty Ann Kase and cat fancier Mary Wagner, both of Khobar.

THE BACKSTAGE GROUP'S major production of the year, *Henry V*, promises to be a sellout. Although the Shakespearean drama doesn't open until April 6, it's time now to arrange for tickets. Call Bruce Irvine for tickets if you want to be sure of a seat: airport extension 2372. The long-awaited performance stars *Harry Hepburn* as Henry, *Tony Bradley* as the Chorus, *Debbie Poulter* as Princess Katharine, *Richard Fagence* as Fluellin, and *Simon Fasken* as the Dauphin.

THE ANNUAL KHOBAR open tennis tournament holds men's doubles matches March 16-17 at the UPM lower courts. The excitement for spectators will be greatest at the finals Friday afternoon; these begin at 1 p.m. and the champions should be determined by 5:30 p.m.

AS THE WEATHER warms up, hotels are beginning to put on their weekly bar-b-ques Thursday evenings. The balmy weather now makes it pleasant to dine in the open by star and candlelight, often with the gush or tinkle of a waterfall or fountain in the background as at the *Marriott Hotel*. In Dammam the *Carlton Hotel* has its first ever bar-b-que tonight (March 26).

EMINENT FINANCIERS recently in town were Dr. Hollis Chenery, Guy De Lusigen and Surendra Agarwal from the World Bank for development policy. In his lecture to UPM students and interested faculty, Dr. Chenery mentioned that this financial think tank has given advice upon request to such projects as the Bahrain causeway, Jubail and Yanbu planning and manpower.

MEANWHILE AT KFU architect Norman F. Carver from Kalamazoo, Michigan, spoke to students in the architecture school. He later spoke on indigenous architecture in North Africa at UPM.

WINNING a spot on a university student union is surely a big success in anyone's life, and celebrating it were UPM's new student union officers for 1981-82: President Sami Bassar with his team of Sami Barhameen, Fuad Muhammad Radwan, Al-Amin Muhammad al-Shaihani, Tariq Al-Kooheji, Muhammad Khalifa, Saeed Ba-Dahda, Abdul Aziz Al-Hamid, and Ahmed Al-Joghalman.

A TEAM OF DOCTORS won the March award for ARAMCO yard. Drs. Saeeda and Rehmat Khan with a little help from their daughter Alia, planted frangipani, cactus, hibiscus and bougainvillea in the yard in their Dhahran hills home and it has grown in only a year to make an attractive garden.



IMPRESSIONS: Two artists Ken Sprague and Paul Peter Piech are holding an exhibition of multicolored prints on Iraq at the Iraqi Cultural Center in London. Both artists had visited Iraq in 1979 and the prints are their impressions of that country. The painting above is by Sprague.



CHANGE: The wind of change as seen in Iraq by Sprague.

Exhibition in London

The facets of Iraq in multicolors

By Rosaliad A Wade

LONDON — The Iraqi Cultural Center in the Tottenham Court Road is currently holding a two-man exhibition by artists Ken Sprague and Paul Peter Piech. Both were invited to visit Iraq, almost two years ago, for a couple of weeks, and this exhibition shows their impressions of Iraq in the May of 1979, in multicolored prints.

The artists were evidently impressed by the constant recurring theme in all Middle East-

ern countries — the juxtaposition of ancient and modern. This comes across strongly. They also appear to have been influenced by Iraq's own contribution to modern art, and the angular stylized faces are reminiscent of those portrayed by such well-known artists as Joad Selim and Shakir Hassan al-Said, of the Baghdad Modern Art Group.

Graphic artist Paul Peter Piech is overtly enthusiastic about Iraq — he explains that the name has always conjured up exciting fantasies for him and it was a dream come true to

actually see the country with his own eyes, with pen and sketchpad in hand. He is an American by birth and has lived in England for many years, where he is a lecturer on Graphic Arts. His contribution consists of 24 colored prints which incorporate governmental sentiments in the form of catchy illustrated slogans from the highest in the land, and the constant themes and scenes that occur in daily life.

Those happenings which have occurred

since time immemorial, the sun, the date palms (the tree of life), the lively people and the river seem to be a paramount importance and historical buildings of secondary. And this of course is true. Historical happenings are after all transitory. For one, who has lived in Iraq, the very documentation of such frequented places as Babylon and Samarra is a thrill. Both in turn were important historical centers and now to most people are little more than tourist attractions; but life continues in them, and Piech has caught the essential vitality in them. This vitality is the very essence of the new Iraq.

Technically, Ken Sprague's smaller exhibition of 19 prints and sketches is more interesting. One can see how he transferred his initial impressions into larger compositions. The prints are made from engraved cardboard blocks and printed on birchwood surfaced panels. This is a process which he has been perfecting since 1969. His son Sam now incorporates these wooden panels into furniture once they have been lacquered.

He is known in the British Labor and Trades Union movement for his campaigning graphics in support of factory organization, peace and ecological matters. In this exhibition he captures the incongruous contrast of the new and old, with cranes reaching for the sky alongside palm trees, a woman in an 'abbaya' with the younger generation in blue jeans. At the same time he realizes the political nature of the modern state. He does not criticize or commend, one senses a pure social commentary — a true artist recording things as he sees them.

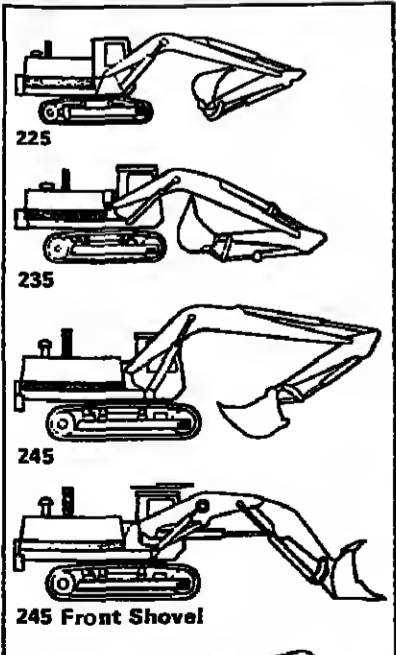
The exhibition is on until April 4, open Monday to Saturday from 10 to 6 p.m. at 177, Tottenham Court Road. It is both interesting and stimulating and well worth a visit; it provides both an introduction to Iraq and a pleasant reminiscence for those who know the country well. Copies of Paul Peter Piech's prints can be bought. As usual there is an accompanying well designed catalogue produced by Dhia al-Azzawi and a poster advertising it. If you are visiting London, I would recommend a visit.



SCENE: A scene in Babylon as painted by Piech.

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Celtics prevail over Knicks

NEW YORK, March 25 (AP) — Since the New York Knicks were honoring Dave DeBusschere, a hero of the past who was best known for his defense, it was fitting that the game's outcome should hinge on a pair of great defensive plays.

Robert Parish, Boston's 7-foot center, blocked seven shots, including two in the final minute to help the Celtics beat the Knicks 118-116 Tuesday night and move into the first-place tie with Philadelphia in the National Basketball Association's Atlantic Division.

Parish also led Boston with 26 points, 18 of them in a brilliant first quarter.

The Celtics are now tied with Philadelphia at 60-19 for the best record in the NBA. Each club has three games left and it will most likely go down to their head-on collision Sunday in Boston — the winner gaining the division title, a first-round playoff bye and the home-court advantage throughout post-season play.

In other NBA games, the Houston Rockets edged the Dallas Mavericks 114-111 in overtime, the Kansas City Kings beat the Utah Jazz 105-92, the Los Angeles Lakers defeated the Golden State Warriors 110-103, the Portland Trail Blazers defeated the Phoenix

Suns 120-111, the Chicago Bulls topped the Cleveland Cavaliers 121-108, the Atlanta Hawks trimmed the Detroit Pistons 96-91, the Milwaukee Bucks trounced the New Jersey Nets 131-107, the Denver Nuggets edged the San Antonio Spurs 125-123 and the San Diego Clippers beat the Seattle SuperSonics 111-106.

Boston led 114-108 with 2:03 to go before the Knicks rallied to pull within one. But Parish blocked a layup attempt by Larry Demic with 16 seconds to play, and after two free throws by Gerald Henderson extended Boston's lead to three. Parish swatted away Ray Williams driving shot attempt. M.L. Carr hit two clinching free throws for the Celtics with four seconds left, making Michael Ray Richardson's three-point goal at the buzzer meaningless.

Rockets 114, Mavericks 111: Robert Reid scored 32 points and Moses Malone added 30 points and 22 rebounds as Houston edged Dallas in overtime. The victory, along with Kansas City's win and Golden State's loss, left the three teams tied in their scramble for the final two West playoff spots.

Kings 105, Jazz 92: Otis Birdsong scored 30 points and Reggie King 20 to help Kansas City break a five-game losing streak. The

Kings led 57-46 at the half and were never in trouble after that. NBA scoring leader Adrian Dantley had 32 points for the Jazz.

Lakers 110, Warriors 103: Guards Earvin "Magic" Johnson and Norm Nixon scored 24 points each as Los Angeles won its fourth in a row and climbed with in two games of first-place Phoenix in the Pacific Division. Golden State, which has now lost seven of its last nine starts, was without guard Lloyd Free, who has a bruised right knee. Joey Hassett topped the Warriors with 23 points, including three three-point goals.

Blazers 120, Suns 111: Mychal Thompson scored eight of his 20 points in the final four minutes to give Portland the victory and enable the Blazers to clinch the home-court advantage in their first-round playoff series against Houston, Kansas City or Golden State.

Bulls 121, Cavaliers 108: Chicago won its sixth in a row as Artis Gilmore and Dwight Jones each scored 18 points and four others hit double figures. The Bulls now own the fifth-best record in the east, one-half game ahead of Indiana. Mike Bratz scored 22 for Cleveland, including four three-pointers.

Hawks 96, Pistons 91: Tom McMillen and Wes Matthews combined for 13 points as Atlanta beat Detroit by outscoring the Pistons 15-6 down the stretch.

Nets 131, Milwaukee 107: Milwaukee pulled away from New Jersey with a 14-2 spurt early in the second quarter and went on to win easily as Marques Johnson scored 20 points and Mickey Johnson added 18.

Nuggets 125, Spurs 123: San Antonio's Mark Olberding hit a desperation three-pointer with two seconds left to tie Denver at 123-123, but the Nuggets' Alex English took an inbounds pass, dribbled once and fired in a 21-footer at the buzzer for the victory. English finished with 33 points.

Clippers 111, Sonics 106: San Diego built a 90-71 lead over the first three quarters and then turned back a Seattle rally to win behind 22 points and 11 rebounds by forward Joe Bryant, who has averaged 21.7 points in his last seven games.

England records five-wicket win

PLYMOUTH, Montserrat March 25 (AP) — An aggressive 78 not out by Roland Butcher led England to a hard-fought victory by five wickets over the Leeward Islands on the final day of the four-day match here Wednesday.

On a pitch favoring spin, England were struggling at 109 for five just after lunch before Butcher, who was the first black West Indian immigrant to be selected to play for his country of adoption, launched a counter attack which erased the threat of an embarrassing defeat.

Butcher completely dominated the unbroken sixth wicket partnership with David Baristow, who hit the winning run a quarter of an hour before tea.

The Leeward Islands, 239 for nine at the start, carried their lead to 173 mainly through some hard hitting by Noel Gaillard, who included a straight six off fast bowler Chris Old in an undefeated 42.

England made a faltering start in their quest for victory. Paul Downton was caught by wicketkeeper Shirlan Williams off Everton with the total at 14 and then Geoff Boycott and Mike Gatting went in the same over.

Both appeared surprised by decisions from umpire Pat White. Boycott padded up and offered no shot after he had made 15 and was ruled out leg before wicket. Gatting was given out caught at short-leg off his hat and pad, first ball.



SUPER BABY: This little filly has the look of a winner already. But when your dad is a Derby pacesetter — and currently Britain's most valuable stallion with a value of between \$7 and \$10 million — it's a fair bet you'll be first past the post. For this superbaby is the first offspring of the legendary Troy, winner of the 200th Derby in 1979. Hardly surprising that already she has a price tag on her of £100,000. She didn't look much like her dample grey mum, Matinee, as they centered together at Lord Porchester's Highclere stud in Berkshire. But the seven-week-old unnamed foal, making her first public bow, is a dead ringer for her dad.

Pressure against IRFU tour of S. Africa mounts

DUBLIN, March 25 (AP) — A call by the opposition labor party in Ireland for a boycott of trade with South Africa because of the controversial tour of that country by an Irish rugby team in May failed to win widespread support when it was tabled in the Dublin parliament, Tuesday night.

A debate on the labor motion calling for trade links between Ireland and South Africa to be severed was adjourned without a vote.

But a second proposal that the tour should be canceled gained the support of both parties. For the government, Martin O'Donoghue said there was agreement both inside and outside parliament that the tour should not go ahead.

"We should try to persuade those who think otherwise that they cannot remain neutral on matters such as apartheid," he declared.

Meanwhile president of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa, (SCSA) Abraham Ordia said Tuesday he was "very optimistic" that the proposed South African

can Springboks Rugby Union tour of New Zealand in July would not go ahead.

Ordia, who had an hour's talks with Australian Prime Minister, Malcolm Fraser, at his parliament house office this morning, said he believed that "normal common sense" would prevail to prevent the tour going ahead.

Fraser and Mr. Ordia discussed at length what effect the Springboks tour might have on the Commonwealth Games to be held in Brisbane next year.

Last week, Ordia told a press conference here that the participation of black African countries in the games would be doubtful if the Springboks rugby tour of New Zealand went ahead.

Fraser told journalists after Wednesday's meeting that he would be very, very disappointed if the rugby tour affected the Commonwealth Games.

Ordia later had talks with the Foreign Minister, Tony Street. He is here as a guest of the Australian government.

Italy keeps clean slate

ORTISEI, Italy March 25 (AFP) — It went to the top of the Group "B" World Hockey Championships by beating Norway 6-1 (2-0, 3-1, 1-0) on the fifth day's competition here Tuesday.

The Italians had been level with East Germany, but they are now the only team with 100 per cent record following the East German's 1-2 (0-0, 1-1, 1-0) reverse at the hands of an excellent Swiss side.

In the day's other two matches, Yugoslavia notched up their first win of the championship, beating Romania 3-2 (1-1, 1-1, 1-0) while Poland hit top form to crush Japan 11 (4-1, 6-0, 1-1).

Italy's Canadian-born players always had the Norwegians in hand in a match marred by rough play. The climax of this bitter dispute came when Norwegian Geir Myhre lost a temper and struck East German referee Peter Sommerschuh. Myhre has now been banned from the rest of the championship.

Switzerland recovered quickly from the defeat against the Italians to edge the previously unbeaten East Germans in a tight, two-goal encounter.

Poland are now lying second with two wins and a draw against the Swiss to their credit.

Unbeaten Graham outpoints Thomas

SHEFFIELD, England, March 25 (AP) — Unbeaten Herol Graham won the Brit light-middleweight crown before his hot fans here Tuesday night with a crushing unanimous points win over 15 rounds against title-holder Pat Thomas of Wales.

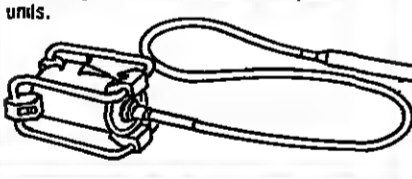

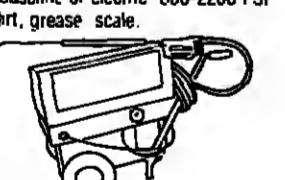
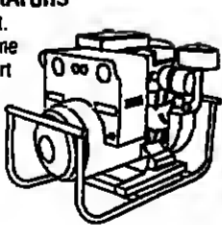
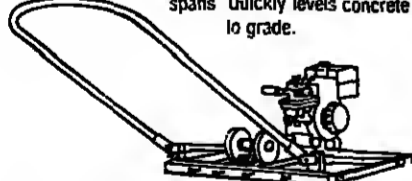

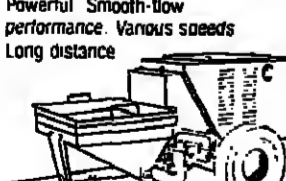


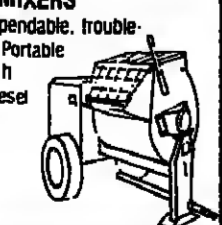

It was 21-year-old Graham's 17th straight win as a professional and puts him in line for European title shot against new champ Louis Acaries of France.

Meanwhile, one of the finest flyweight boxers of recent years, Yoko Gushiken Japan has retired from the ring because of trouble.




THE VICTOR: Referee Davey Pearl raises Salvador Sanchez's arm as the featherweight champion successfully defended his title against Roberto Castanon in Las Vegas Sunday.

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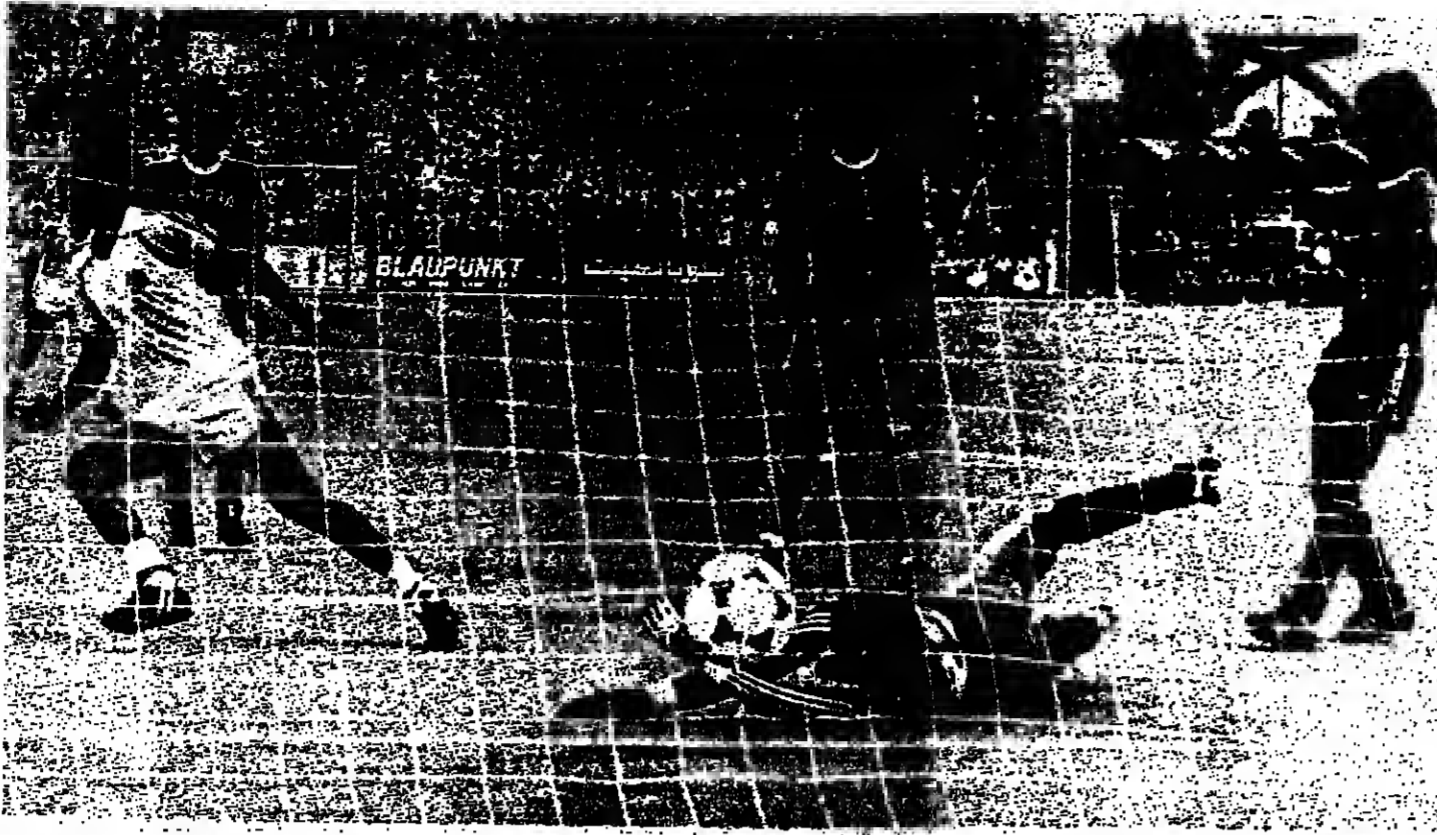
By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 25 — Saud Jassem scored twice in the second session to help Saudi Arabia out Syria 2-0 and move to the top of the league table of the World Cup Asian Group Two pre-qualifying tournament Tuesday.

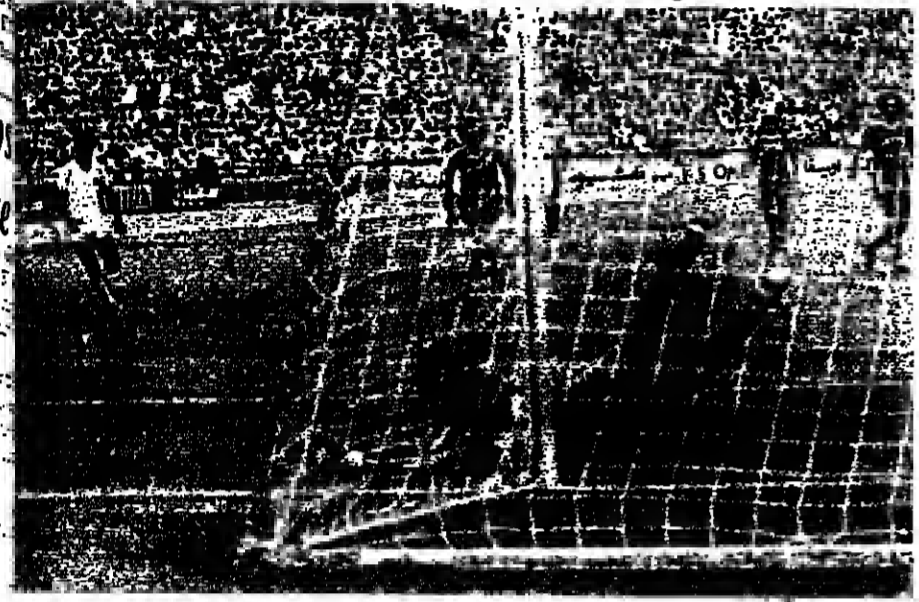
With the capacity crowd at the Malta Stadium shouting boisterous, the home team dictated and dictated terms in the first session, but failed to get the much sought after breakthrough. The Syrians, on the other hand, were restricted to just three good scoring chances, which but proved abortive.

But the switch of ends, saw the host forge ahead when Saud Jassem found the target in a sizzling shot following a flag-kick by Amin Dada. Despite the setback, the Syrians fought gamely and carved out a couple of good openings, but lack of coordination, prevented them from restoring parity.

In the 62nd minute, Jassem struck again to solidify Saudi Arabia's position from a precise pass from Ahmad Saphir.



ALL JOY: Saudi Arabia's Saud Jassem (left) runs back in glee after seeing his deft placement beat goalkeeper Nafe Ali to find the net for his team's first goal.



SPLENDID SAVE: Syrian goalkeeper Nafe Al-Ali dives to fist out a sizzling shot from Saudi Arabia's left winger Abdullah Ghurab (extreme left).

Russell Osman, Butcher included in England team

LONDON, March 25 (AP) — England manager Ron Greenwood will field Russell Osman and Terry Butcher of Ipswich as experimental centerback pairing in the only international against Spain at Wembley Stadium Wednesday night.

The match is a vital part of England's build-up for the 1982 World Cup and Greenwood Tuesday named a young line-up. Tottenham's Glenn Hoddle and Bryan Robson of West Bromwich will both play in midfield, while Trevor Francis returns to the forward line at the expense of Tony Woodcock. England captain Kevin Keegan is fighting to recover from a cold and Peter Barnes ends by.

Spanish Boss Jose Santamaria delayed naming his team until after a training session Tuesday night but included only seven of the 11 that played France last month in his squad of 16.

Spain automatically qualifies for the World Cup as host nation and Santamaria was expected to use the match against England to test youngsters like 20-year-old defender Miguel Tendillo and 21-year-old forward Jesus Alonzo international experience. Greenwood's selections have come in for criticism recently but the inclusion of Butcher and Osman was both popular and expected.

The duo, both 22 have played together in their first linking up in Ipswich's youth team and made their full international debuts against Australia last year.

Butcher and Osman replaced the injured Peter Thompson and Dave Watson, who is

dropped and misses only his third international since 1976.

Hoddle and Robson play alongside Trevor Brooking in midfield, Greenwood electing not to risk Terry McDermott and Ray Wilkins who are both carrying injuries.

Greenwood welcomed the chance to experiment and said: "circumstances have given me the chance to look at one or two alternatives in case we need them in the future."

Francis, playing his first full international since injuring an achilles tendon last year, plays alongside Paul Mariner but there is no room for Cologne forward Woodcock, who has played in England's last six internationals and netted in his last two outings against Spain.

Instead Greenwood keeps faith with the bustling Mariner, who has scored four goals in his last five internationals.

The line-ups: England: Ray Clemence, Phil Neal, Terry Butcher, Russell Osman, Kenny Sansom, Glenn Hoddle, Bryan Robson, Trevor Brooking, Trevor Francis, Paul Mariner, Kevin Keegan or Peter Barnes.

Spain (from): Luis Arconada, Jose Camacho, Rafael Gordillo, Genaro Celayeta, Miguel Tendillo, Antonio Maceda, Enrique Ramos, Jesus Zamora, Victor Munoz, Joaquin Alonso, Dani, Marcos Alonso, Juanito, Jesus Satriestegui, Enrique Montero.

Meanwhile, Switzerland beat Czechoslovakia 1-0 in a friendly soccer match in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia Tuesday. The match winner was scored by Botteron in the 66th minute.

Wales likely to score fourth win

LONDON, March 25 (AP) — Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales and the Republic of Ireland face crucial World Cup qualifying soccer matches Wednesday night.

Scotland and Northern Ireland meet in a Group Six match at Hampden Park, while Wales faces Turkey in a Group Three encounter in Aakara. Ireland travels to Brussels for its Group Two match against Belgium.

France is away to Holland in another

Group Two match.

All the teams are bidding to qualify for the final stages of the 1982 World Cup in Spain. Wales, unbeaten in three matches, is expected to score its fourth straight qualifying round victory in Turkey. Welsh manager Mike England has lost winger Mickey Thomas from his original squad but has no other selection problems. Goalkeeper Dai Davies is set to equal Jack Kelsey's record of 41 caps for a Welsh goalkeeper.

Borg has it easy McEnroe struggles to get past Ramirez

MILAN, Italy March 25 (AP) — Top-seeded Bjorn Borg breezed to a victory and John McEnroe, seeded no. 2, beat Mexico's Raul Ramirez in the first round of the \$200,000 Cuore Tennis Tournament Tuesday.

Borg, making his debut in the Milan-leg of the World Champion Tennis eight-tournament swing, easily beat American Trey Waltke 6-1, 6-1. The Swede used his usual cannon ball serves and passing shots to dispose of Waltke in 36 minutes.

McEnroe struggled 1 hour, 36 minutes to defeat Ramirez 7-6, 6-4 in a thrilling match filled with first-class exchanges. McEnroe gained a second-round berth against Heinz Gunthardt of Switzerland, while Borg will play American Bill Scanlon.

In an earlier first-round match, third-seeded Gene Mayer survived a hard-fought first set and went on to defeat young Ecuadorian Andres Gomez 7-6, 6-1.

Mayer will play young countryman Peter Rennert in the second round of the event. Rennert, 22, defeated 17-year-old Mats Wilander of Sweden 6-3, 6-1, in another first round match.

American Brian Gottfried and Sandy Mayer, Gene's Brother, also scored first round victories. The fourth-seeded Gottfried made short work of West Germany's Rolf Gehring 6-1, 6-1.

Sandy Mayer defeated countryman Fritz Buchning in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2. Fifth-seeded Vijay Amritraj of India lost the first set to unseeded American Ferdy Taygan, but then won the match 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Meanwhile, top-seed Roscoe Tanner defeated Uli Marten of West Germany 7-6, (10-8) 6-1 in the opening round of the Colognium Invitational Tennis Tournament at

Silverado Country Club Tuesday.

After a balanced first set, Tanner broke Marten's service in the first game of the second set and dominated the match from there on. The first set gave Tanner a chance to warm up his characteristic strong serve, which proved too much for Marten.

In other matches, No. 5 seed Tony Giammalva of the U.S. lost to John Lloyd of England 3-6, 6-1, 6-1. Giammalva's brother Sam defeated Ross Case of Australia, 7-5, 6-1, and No. 2 seed Terry Moor of the U.S. defeated Colin Dibley of Australia, 6-4, 6-4.

Californian Billy Martin of Palos Verdes fell to No. 3 seed Ramesh Krishnan of India. Tanner will face Robert Van't Hof of the U.S. Van't Hof defeated Lido Alvarez, also an American, 6-7, 6-0, 7-5 on Tuesday.

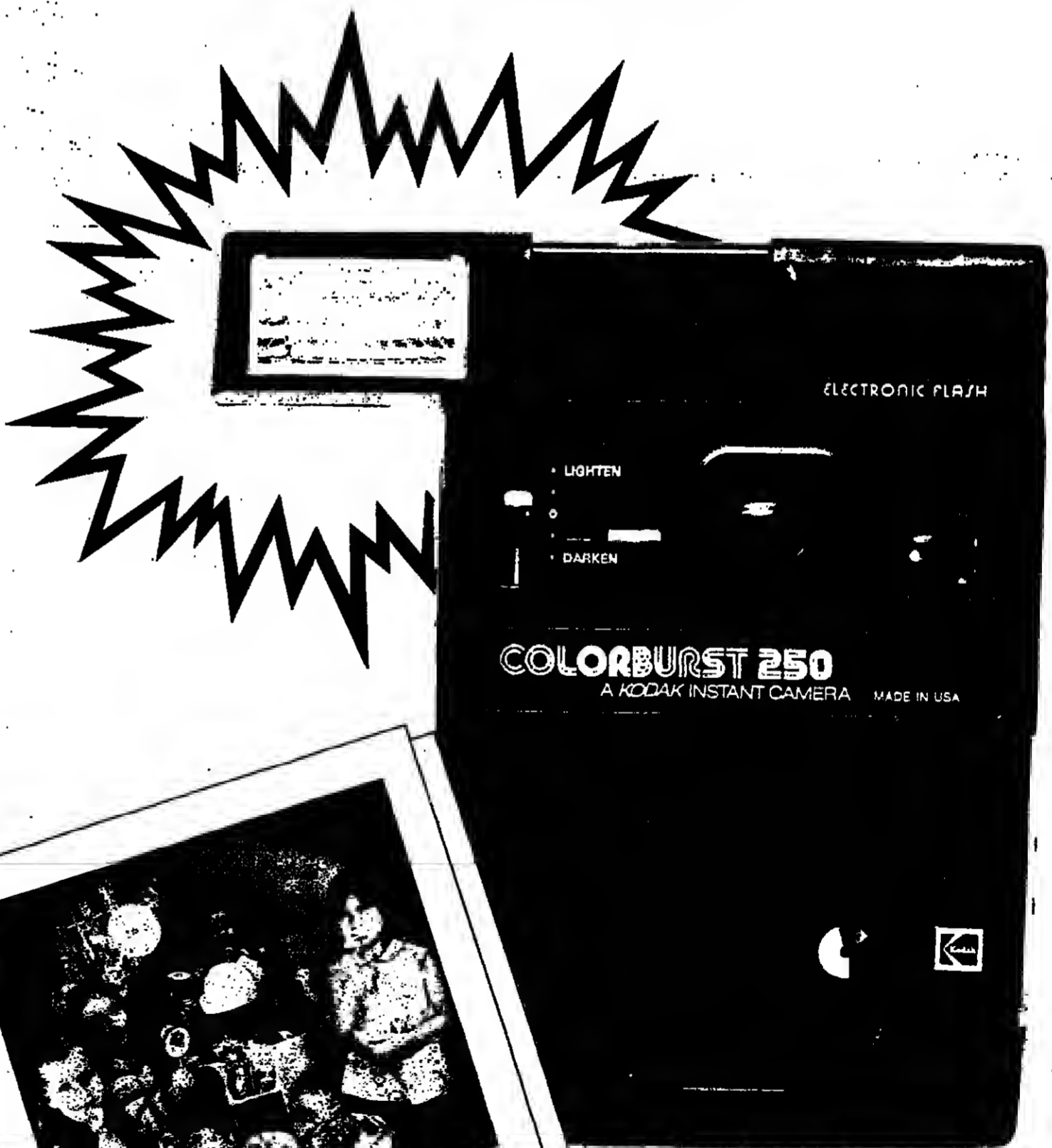
West German Uli Pinner defeated Sweden's Jan Gunnarsson, 7-6, 6-4, in the second round of the \$75,000 International German Indoor Tennis Championships in West Germany.

John Fitzgerald (Australia) beat Darnir Kretzsch (West Germany), 6-3, 6-7, 6-2. Rod Frawley (Australia) beat Kjell Johansson (Sweden) 2-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Rugby matches

JEDDAH, March 25 — Rugby enthusiasts will be treated to another entertaining display this weekend when Jeddah RFC play hosts to two visiting Irish teams. Scheduled for Thursday afternoon (4.00 p.m.) is a first team match and the second team will play on Friday morning (10.00 a.m.). Jeddah will be hoping to stretch their unbeaten record to seven matches and are sure to provide the spectators with a dazzling display.

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States pledge \$1.2b to Zimbabwe

SALISBURY, March 25, (R) — Western nations and international agencies pledged a reported \$1.2 billion for Zimbabwe at a major aid gathering apparently boycotted by the Soviet Union.

The Zimbabwe conference on reconstruction and development (ZIMCORD) opened in Salisbury Monday with Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's government seeking \$2 billion in aid to finance an ambitious plan to better the lot of 650,000 peasant farmers and their families after the country's seven-year war.

After closed pledging sessions Tuesday, a conference spokesman estimated the total amount promised so far by delegates from Britain, the United States, the World Bank and 18 other donors at \$1.2 billion. Conference sources said aid donors Tuesday included United States (\$75 million) West Germany (\$35 million) Denmark (\$15 million), Australia (\$15 million), France (\$36 million), Japan (\$4 million).

But he made clear that this figure included some aid already promised before the start of the conference and aid for projects other than the ZIMCORD program. The main aim of the rural reconstruction plan is to resettle black peasant farmers on underutilized white-owned land and revamp the subsistence farming sector that provides the livelihood of millions of Zimbabweans.

The spokesman expressed a "reasonable degree of satisfaction" at the pledges so far but added: "We don't know how close we are at this stage" to the \$2 billion target. It remained unclear how much of the aid pledged Wednesday "new money" beyond the \$430 million Zimbabwe had garnered before the conference started.

Zimbabwe invited 45 countries to the conference and over 30 of them, as well as a dozen major international agencies from the United Nations and the Arab world are attending. The Soviet Union has also been invited, but has declined to send a delegation so far, government officials said. The reasons behind the Soviet Union's absence were not known, government officials said.



EEC SUMMIT: General view of the conference table at the European Economic Community summit conference held in Maastricht, Netherlands, Monday and Tuesday. Seated from left to right are: Lord Carrington, secretary of state of the United Kingdom, Dutch Prime Minister Andreas Van Agt, Dutch Minister for Foreign Affairs Christopher van der Klauuw, Prime Minister of Luxembourg Pierre Werner, Foreign Affairs Minister of Luxembourg Colette Flesch, and the Italian Prime Minister Arnaldo Forlani.

West's lifting curbs on Iran fails to pay off

LONDON, March 25 (R) — The lifting of Western economic sanctions against Iran two months ago has so far failed to provide the trade bonanza that was hoped for in the industrialized world.

Salesmen from Western Europe and Japan moved back to Tehran after the freeing of the 52 American hostages and the end of a year-long freeze on new contracts with the republic. But uncertainties about Iran's political future and the war with Iraq have combined with post-revolution stagnation to dampen trading prospects for the immediate future.

The Europeans and Japanese can look forward to taking up some of the slack created by continuing U.S. reluctance to resume trade with the Iranians. But they also find themselves in competition with Iran's new supplies in the Eastern bloc.

The one possible growth area, armaments,

Eastern bloc gains

is restricted by bans in some Western countries on supplying weaponry to the belligerents in the Gulf war, Iran's budget for the new year that began this week could triple defense spending to \$13.3 billion, reducing the hard currency available for civil spending.

Some day-to-day civil expenditure is now being put the way of Eastern European suppliers by the government buying centers. The centers are showing a tendency to stick with the Eastern bloc where low prices make up for poorer quality and less reliable delivery dates than the West.

The ending of Western sanctions has also come at a time when Iran is barely able to cope with increased trade. The main port of Khorramshahr has been damaged by Iraqi shelling and there are serious transport problems within the country. Western experts in Tehran believe the country's scarce foreign reserves, estimated by President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr last month to have dwindled to \$4 billion from \$10 billion a year earlier, mean few major contracts can be signed with Western companies. The majority of Iran's Western European trading partners enjoyed an increase in trade during 1980, the year of the hostage crisis.

This stemmed from the one hand from the comparatively low levels of trade experienced in 1979, the year of the revolution, and

U.K. firm recalls cars to correct fault

LONDON, March 25 (AP) — Every one of the more than 48,000 mini-Metros sold by loss-crippled British Leyland since the car's launch last October is being recalled to correct a steering hazard.

The state-owned auto giant announced the move Monday night after talks between BL and government transport department engineers. This followed two recent accidents, neither causing injury, in which the Metro's steering system locked when the car was being turned to the right and the driver was depressing the clutch.

BL said the problem arose if a driver put "very heavy pressure" on a rubber seal underneath the clutch pedal at the base of the steering column. The company said only drivers using "unorthodox techniques" would run this danger. But it said letters would go out to all Metro owners asking them to return the cars to BL dealers where a slight

U.K. staff agitation intensifies

LONDON, March 25 (AFP) — Workers at a special London tax payment office set up to collect money diverted from other strike bound centers walked out Tuesday as civil servants stepped up their action to back demands for a 15 per cent pay rise.

Despite the renewed action, the government is still insisting it will not go beyond seven per cent and there appears to be no sign of an early agreement.

The British treasury asked major companies to send their tax payments to a special center in London to be handled by senior non-striking staff because the major collection centers were already paralyzed by the strike.

More U.S. banks lower prime rate

NEW YORK, March 25 (R) — Several major U.S. banks have cut their prime lending rates to 17 per cent from 17.5 per cent, giving evidence of further softening in loan demand and lower money-market interest rates.

Among the biggest banks, half-point reductions were announced Tuesday by second-largest Citibank, number five Morgan Guaranty trust, number nine First National Bank of Chicago and number ten Security Pacific National Bank, in Los Angeles.

SAN FRANCISCO, (AFP) — U.S. customs has formally charged the American subsidiary of the Japanese steel group Mitsui with "dumping," basing its accusation on documents seized at the company's American headquarters. An investigation has been undertaken by San Francisco courts. The U.S. customs complaint was made public Tuesday.

CHICAGO, Illinois, (AP) — Deregulation of airlines in the United States puts profits ahead of public service and is hurting U.S. air carriers as well as foreign airlines, the director general of the air transport association has said.

Speaking at a luncheon Knute Hammarskjold said that deregulation in the United States "inevitably makes waves in other parts

of the global network."

TOYKO, (R) — Japan Air Lines (JAL) has said it had reached agreement with the Soviet airline Aeroflot to use Boeing-747 aircraft on routes linking Japan and West Europe via Moscow from next year.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The SS United States, the once-elegant passenger liner idled at a Virginia pier for the past 12 years, has finally been sold to a company for cruise service to the Hawaiian islands.

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modification would be carried out at no charge. BL estimated the cost to the company at £100,000 pounds (\$225,000).

The cramped pedal space in the compact car was one of the only criticisms amid general acclaim for the new model when it was unveiled last fall.

The successful launch has boosted BL's share of the British market from about 16 per cent to 20 per cent, with the Metro vying with compact Fords as the country's best selling cars. BL also makes the Austin, Rover, Jaguar and Land Rover.

Chairman Sir Michael Edwardes last Friday disclosed that in 1980 the company had a record net loss of £535.5 million (\$1.2 billion) including the cost of plant closures and layoffs.

Earlier this year, Edwardes persuaded Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government to invest another £990 million (\$2.2 billion) in BL.

The unions hope the walk out by 100 employees in the center will encourage the others to join the movement.

Elsewhere, cartographers, naval draughtsmen, and oval dockyard workers — call civil servants — went on strike Tuesday.

In Scotland, courts were closed by a total walk-out. In a separate action dockers in the computer center in Lloyds Bank, one of Britain's main clearing banks, stopped work halting all computerized transactions. But the bank estimated half the transactions were handled during the day by non-strikers.

The bank employees are demanding a 20 per cent hike in their pay

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Unions up in arms Austerity steps anger Italians

ROME, March 25 (R) — Italian Prime Minister Arnaldo Forlani returned home from the Common Market summit in the Netherlands to face growing opposition to austerity measures imposed by his government.

Union officials said more than half-a-million workers had downed tools in response to union calls for two-hour random stoppages to protest against the measures by Forlani's shaky four-party coalition. Trade unionists and leading industrialists have condemned the lira devaluation and tight credit curbs announced Sunday as a recipe for widespread bankruptcies and unemployment.

Another half-a-million workers are expected to take part in protest stoppages Wednesday and labor leaders are threatening increased industrial action. "A drastic response to the government is needed for it will mean the end of the trade union movement," one union official said.

Reagan, Ito debate car import issue

WASHINGTON, March 25 (R) — Japanese Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito met President Reagan and later said they had agreed that further discussions should be held on the problem of Japanese car exports to the United States.

U.S. officials said Tuesday before Ito arrived at the White House that the president had decided to ask the Tokyo government to take legal steps to curb the flood of car exports. Ito told reporters the issue came up at the meeting but the president did not present a specific proposal on how Japan should restrain its exports.

"We are trying to bring about a satisfactory solution as soon as possible," the foreign minister said. Ito added that he hoped the problem could be solved before Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki conferred with Reagan in Washington in May.

Secretary of State Alexander Haig, who attended the White House meeting, also said the president and Ito did not discuss the possibility of an agreement. "We don't have a deadline," he said. "There are no negotiations. We are continuing to exchange views."

Turkey seeks aid to boost economy

ANKARA, March 25 (R) — Turkey and its major Western creditors met in Paris Wednesday to work out how much the country needs in foreign loans to finance its economic revival program for 1981.

Official sources in Ankara said Turkey hoped to persuade fellow members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to provide more than the \$1.16 billion agreed in 1980. Initial estimates at the beginning of this year indicated Turkey would need \$2.5 billion fresh foreign loans to supplement workers' remittances and tourism revenue and bridge a forecast trade gap of more than \$5 billion.

Trade unions and the Communist Party described the government's inflation-fighting and export-boosting measures as a hit against workers, the unemployed and the poor. Leading industrialists said any benefit from the devaluation would be canceled out by higher interest charges that would eat into profits needed for new investment.

Carlo de Benedetti, managing director of the Italian-based Olivetti Company, said the government had done nothing to solve Italy's economic problems. "One cannot talk economic policy about Sunday's decision but rather erratic administrative acts," he said.

Without further action the sharp 2.5 per cent rise in interest rates could be repeated the next few months. Treasury Minister Nino Andreatta said the measures were only a first phase of an economic package. Urgent action was needed to cut public spending by about \$5 billion.

The unions say they fear the new move could mean a public sector wage freeze changes to the index-linked wage-rise system and higher contributions to reduce the deficit of the state social security system.

Meanwhile, leading bank economists say the six per cent devaluation of the lira European Monetary System party could provide useful room for maneuver in the event a future dollar depreciation against the West German mark. If the dollar fell the Bank Italy would probably guide the lira downward in a managed float, holding the dollar/lira rate steady and opening improved export opportunities for Italian goods in the German market, they said.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.30	8.9
Belgian Franc (1,000)	98.00	112.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.83	—	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	161.00	162.00	160.8
Dutch Guilder (100)	145.00	145.00	145.00
Egyptian Pound	—	4.10	4.35
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	91.25	91.46
French Franc (100)	68.00	68.75	68.50
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.75
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.00	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	32.00	33.30	32.60
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.10	—	16.15
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.50	10.25
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.26	12.52
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	85.00	84.65
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	72.00	71.80
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.00
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Morocco reports

Polisario fighters seen in Mauritania

RABAT, March 25 (Agencies) — Morocco has said that a Polisario fighter force of 3,000 men based in northern Mauritania clashed with Moroccan troops in the Guelta Zemmour area Tuesday.

The official news agency reported a government statement that the fighters had been spotted from the air assembling last weekend in the Ain Ben Tili and Bir Moghrien areas of northern Mauritania. It said details had been sent to Foreign Minister Mubammad Boucetta currently at a Arab League meeting in Tunis.

The agency said no details of the clash had been released, other than a claim that the Polisario suffered unspecified heavy losses. Mauritania accused Morocco of fomenting a coup attempt last week for which four officers were reported Tuesday to have been sentenced to death in Nouakchott.

The two countries have had strained relations since Mauritania signed a separate peace with the Algerian-based Polisario movement, which has fought since 1975 to establish an independent state in the Western Sahara.

The government message sent to Boucetta said the fighters could not have attacked from the usual bases in Tindouf, in south-western Algeria, because they were a long way from Guelta Zemmour. The mountainous area is about 500 kilometers south-west of Tindouf.

A communique broadcast by state radio said the Moroccan army's reaction would be confined for the moment to driving off the attackers "but reserves the right of legitimate defense to safeguard its inalienable rights."

Part in abortive coup

4 sentenced to death in Mauritania

NOUAKCHOTT, March 25 (R) — Four Mauritanian officers accused of taking part in an abortive coup in Nouakchott eight days ago have been sentenced to death by a special court. They were Lieut.-Col. Ahmed Salem Ould Sidi and Lieut.-Col. Abdulkader Ould Bah, said to be the coup leaders, and Lieut. Niang Moustafa and Lieut. Doudou Seek. Five non-commissioned officers were sentenced to hard labor for life.

President Mubammad Khouna Ould Haidalla has 24 hours in which he can commute the death sentences.

The two senior officers were reported to have lived recently in Morocco where they led an alliance of groups opposed to the Nouakchott government. Mauritania has accused Morocco of masterminding the attempted coup and severed diplomatic relations with Rabat last week. Morocco has denied involvement.

Relations between the two countries

The government also warned Mauritanian leaders against "the turn events can take as a result of their irresponsible behavior."

Earlier this month, a Moroccan newspaper said that military reprisals would be taken against Mauritania if Polisario front fighters were allowed to use its territory.

The Rabat daily *L'opinion*, organ of the Istiqlal Party led by Boucetta, said there was evidence that a large number of Saharans were moving into northern Mauritania from camps near Tindouf. They were moving in, the paper said, because it had become difficult for them to attack heavily-defended Moroccan positions in the northern part of the Western Sahara and because Algerian support for the front was becoming problematic.

The Moroccan communique indicated that the battle was still going on at Guelta Zemmour and said that after suffering heavy losses in men and material, the fighters would "doubtless take refuge on Mauritanian territory once the battle ended."

Meanwhile, President Abdou Diouf of Senegal had a second private meeting with King Hassan Tuesday. Senegalese sources said in Marrakesh. The president arrived in Morocco Monday for a four-day official visit. Discussions centred on African affairs, the Middle East issue, Afghanistan and Islamic and bilateral questions, the sources said.

Speaking at a banquet in President Diouf's honor, King Hassan said that, although geographically not contiguous, Morocco and Senegal were in fact neighbors because they were linked by common "ethics, virtues and ideals."

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became strained after Mauritania withdrew from a war they were waging jointly against the Polisario movement challenging their partition of the former Spanish Sahara.

Diplomatic sources said Nouakchott airport was still closed to international flights following the attempted coup.

In Algiers, the Algerian News Agency said in a report from Nouakchott that charges against the four officers included high treason, desertion, murder and intelligence with the enemy. Colonels Ould Sidi and Abdulkader led commandos who tried to take over the presidential palace, buildings of the military staff, the national radio and the government March 16. At least two persons were killed.

The secret trial opened last Saturday in a military base near Nouakchott, the agency said. The charge of intelligence with the enemy appeared to refer to Mauritania's allegation that Morocco masterminded the attempted coup.

20,000 Jews for West Bank Israel to build 85 new settlements

ARIEL, March 25 (R) — Israeli Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon has pledged that a million Jews would live on the occupied West Bank by the year 2000.

Speaking to reporters at the West Bank outpost of Ariel, Sharon, who has masterminded the Israeli government's settlement drive in the past four years, promised a major push to increase the Jewish presence in the last three months before the June 30 elections. "The plan is to have 85 settlements with 20,000 inhabitants set up by the end of June," he said. "We have thousands of families on the waiting list to build their homes in these settlements and I predict that by the year 2,000 we will have one million Jews here."

Under Sharon's direction, the Jewish population in the West Bank has almost tripled in the last four years. In 1977, it stood at about 7,000 compared to today's estimated figure of 18,500. The indigenous Arab population of the area numbers about

600,000.

Israel television reported Tuesday night that Egypt last summer proposed granting provisional autonomous powers to the Palestinians of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip for a one-year period. The television report, quoting Egyptian Foreign Ministry sources, said the Egyptians suggested giving some autonomous powers to the Palestinians National Guidance Committee on the West Bank.

Under the terms of the Egyptians proposal, which the Israelis rejected, Israel would reduce its military forces and stop building settlements in the occupied territories. The television reported that last December the Egyptians modified the plan, this time suggesting that a council of West Bank mayors should be given autonomous powers for a year.

Israel regards the National Guidance Committee as being dominated by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

The autonomy negotiations have now been suspended until after the Israeli elections scheduled for June 30.

Meanwhile, Israel's Energy Minister Yitzhak Modai said Tuesday Israel will begin to build its Mediterranean-Dead Sea canal in two months' time if foreign investment in the scheme continues at its present rate.

More than \$25 million have already been invested by Americans since the project was launched less than two months ago. Modai told reporters Tuesday.

Funds for the \$700 million project, which is designed chiefly to generate electricity, are being raised by the Israel bond organization in the United States and other countries.

Water from the Mediterranean will flow through a canal in Israel's northwest Negev region to reservoirs 400 meters above the Dead Sea and then fall through turbines to produce power.

U.S. resumes processing Iranian visas

NEW YORK, March 25 (AP) — The State Department has resumed processing of visa applications from Iranians, lifting one of the last of the retaliatory measures provoked by the seizure of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

Two months after the release of the 52 American hostages, consular offices were instructed as of last Friday to review Iranian requests for visas as they would any other nationality, but with close scrutiny of applications from suspected "terrorists." William Ryerson, director of the office of public and diplomatic liaison at the visa office in Washington, said Tuesday.

"Clearly, we would not wish to issue visas to those who were holding our hostages," he said. "The terrorists who actually held them would be ineligible under our statute of visas."

He said the "special restrictions" placed on Iranians April 7, 1980 were lifted last Friday, but there was not expected to be a formal announcement of the change.

A State Department official, who declined to be identified, said the lifting of the visa restrictions "does not preclude any particular shift" in U.S. policy toward Iran, which he said was still "under review."

Ryerson said that with a few exceptions, the instructions would have the effect of returning the policy toward Iranians to what it was before the hostage-taking. "Their status would be no different than the citizens of Argentina, Japan or anywhere else," he added.

Visas issued outside Iran before the April 7 order are valid under the new policy, Ryerson said. Visas issued in Iran or "purportedly issued in Iran" are revoked, said Ryerson, who noted that the United States no longer has an embassy in Tehran.

The suspension of diplomatic relations is the last of the retaliatory measures still in effect. The order restricting visas to Iranians was one of the sanctions placed on Iran after the storming of the U.S. embassy Nov. 4, 1979 and the taking of U.S. diplomats hostage.

Sudan asks Arab League to oust Libya

KHARTOUM, March 25 (R) — Sudan has called for the expulsion of Libya from the Arab League saying it violated the league's charter by providing bases to a foreign power which supplied Israel with manpower, Sudanese Foreign Minister Muhammad Mirghani Mubarak said.

In a statement to the official Sudan News Agency Tuesday, the minister said the proposal had been presented at a session of the league's council in Tunis. He described Libyan charges that Sudan had given military bases to the United States as "a new lie and continuation of the Libyan regime's frantic and malicious campaign against the Sudanese people."

It was Libya which provided "bases to a foreign country which supplies manpower to Israel in violation of the league's charter" the minister said. Mirghani did not name the foreign power but the Soviet Union provides Libya with weapons and military advisers and the minister also appeared to be referring to Jewish immigrants from Russia to Israel.

Mirghani urged the Arab League's council to send a team to both Sudan and Libya to find out where foreign bases existed, the agency said. The minister denounced Libya's proposal that the council should discuss the resumption of full diplomatic relations between Sudan and Egypt.

India airs concern to U.S. over weapons to Pakistan

NEW DELHI, March 25 (AP) — External Affairs Minister P.V.N. Rao declared Wednesday that India has expressed concern to the U.S. administration over reported American attempts to "further militarize the Gulf region" and to sell arms to Pakistan.

In a statement to parliament here, Rao quoted U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig as saying that he was trying to create "a strategic consensus among countries from Pakistan to Egypt" to protect American interests in the area and "deter Soviet adventurism. We want Pakistan to be secure," Rao said in reply to questions. "But instead of adding to its security would 'attract dangerous attention.'"

He added that India has noted that President Ronald Reagan's government also has proposed legislative amendments to remove barriers which currently block military supplies to Pakistan because of "her nuclear

activities." Western reports say that Pakistan is building an atomic device while Pakistan says its nuclear program is only meant for development purposes.

"I have personally conveyed to the U.S. government our game concern at their reported moves to further militarize the Gulf region and to induct large quantities of arms into Pakistan," Rao said.

"Experience over the last three decades has shown that such supplies have usually resulted in destabilization of the process of normalization within the subcontinent," Rao said. The two neighbors have fought three bitter wars since they gained independence from Britain in 1947.

India, Rao said, was "not insensitive to (Pakistan's) security concerns." It has made efforts for a dialogue between the two sides to prevent the area from becoming "a theater of conflict."



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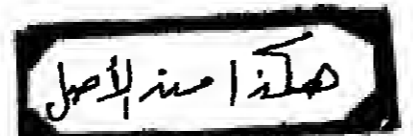
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To strengthen economy

Reagan announces more Salvador aid

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan's administration has announced it will give El Salvador an additional \$63.5 million in economic assistance this year to help strengthen its war-torn economy, subject to congressional approval.

The increase would raise to \$126.5 million the amount of economic aid provided by the United States this year, almost double what former President Jimmy Carter wanted.

"It's an expression of faith in the government," said State Department spokesman William Dyess. He said Tuesday, the aid will be provided unconditionally for any economic purpose the Salvador government wants.

The administration previously announced an increase of \$25 million in military aid, raising the total military assistance for the year to \$35.4 million. Salvadoran President Jose Napoleon Duarte has said economic aid is much more important to the survival of his government than military aid.

Dyess said the new assistance would help repair roads, bridges, dams and farms damaged during the fighting. Dyess said leftists were responsible for most of this damage. He also said that international financial institutions and other donors will supplement the U.S. aid with assistance of their own.

Among the reforms for which the money can be used, he added, is the government's extensive land reform program that many believe has been of major importance in helping keep the rural population on the side of the government.

Dyess said the money for El Salvador is being transferred from aid accounts for other nations, describing it as a "robbing Peter to pay Paul" process to save time in getting the money approved. Other officials say the administration had to "scrounge" to find the money in the 1981 budget.

Dyess said the other nations will eventually get the promised aid. Congressional sources, who did not want to be identified, said that among nations from whom aid money is being temporarily diverted are Egypt and Israel, the two major recipients of U.S. foreign assistance.

Dyess said the aid was not conditioned on any Salvadoran government behavior, such as an investigation into the murder of the four American churchwomen last year, allegedly

Haig, Pereira to discuss Middle East

WASHINGTON, March 25 (R) — Portuguese Foreign Minister Andre Goncalves Pereira arrived in Washington Tuesday night for talks with Secretary of State Alexander Haig which were expected to focus on the increasing importance placed by the United States on its military bases in the Azores.

Portuguese officials said Goncalves Pereira planned to discuss his country's role in U.S. military planning for the Middle East, particularly the use of the mid-Atlantic Lajes air base. The lease for the Lajes base in the Azores comes up for renewal in 1983.

Goncalves Pereira has said that Portugal will not deny help to the United States, although some opponents have accused his government of becoming a tool of the United States. He will be the third minister from a European ally of the United States to meet administration officials this week. West German Defense Minister Hans Apel and Dutch Defense Minister Pieter de Geus held separate talks with Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger Tuesday and Monday.

Portuguese officials said the foreign minister would tell Haig at Wednesday talks that Portugal did not want to be involved in any U.S. move to support pro-Western guerrillas in Angola. The Lisbon offices of the Angolan guerrilla groups were closed after Portugal officially recognized the Cuban-backed government which took control of its former colony in 1975.

U.S. officials said Haig and Pereira would probably discuss a Portuguese request to buy \$100 million worth of U.S. grain and \$75 million worth of oil seeds. Portugal, which badly needed foodstuffs after a severe drought, had expressed interest in food credits from the U.S. Agriculture Department, they said.

Tremors shake Etna

CATANIA, Sicily, March 25 (AP) — Earth tremors shook the Mount Etna volcano Tuesday, but experts said there was no sign a new eruption was imminent. However, scientists at the International Volcanic Institute in Catania said the situation had to be watched closely.

In the past few days the volcano had been spewing ashes from its main crater, but the institute said this activity had ceased Tuesday.

by government security forces. The administration of then U.S. President Carter had previously linked help to the government to progress in the investigation into the deaths, but the Reagan administration had previously severed this link, although it said it still wants the deaths investigated. The investigation has been continuing.

Meanwhile, Church bells tolled Tuesday and leftist guerrilla guns fell silent in memory of a slain archbishop. But the day was no different from any other in at least one respect — the corpses of dozens of people were found dumped along city streets and country roads.

A leftist guerrilla coalition announced a 24-hour unilateral ceasefire, but military spokesmen said the U.S.-backed junta's anti-insurgency operations were continuing in the north and east.

The bodies of 38 unidentified civilians killed during the 24 hours ending at dawn Tuesday were found around the country, a police spokesman said. In Lebanon, the leader of the Salvadoran Communist Party charged the United States with being "solely responsible" for the continuing civil strife here.

Deserted twins in America get adoption offers

DAYTON, Ohio, March 25 (AP) — Hundreds of people have contacted hospital officials in hopes of adopting twin baby boys found in a garbage can over the weekend. Both infants, believed to be 4 days old, were in good condition Monday as the Montgomery County Children's Service made plans to put the children up for adoption.

"We have a long waiting list for infants, more than a year," said Susan Sacksteder, director of Community Services for Children's Medical Center in Dayton. "We have very few infants who become available for adoption." "At this point we have more people waiting for infants than we ever have infants available."

Two boys found the infants on Saturday after hearing noises while playing near a garbage dumpster at Shenandoah school in suburban Huber Heights. The babies had been placed inside a paper bag, which was dropped into the trash can.

"I thought it was a dog," said Gary Rodgers of Huber Heights. "We heard this grunt sound. I got in and stepped on something, and it started grunting again. We started digging and saw a (supermarket) bag. When I opened the bag up, I saw two babies."

Marcenda Rodgers, mother of one of the youths who found the babies, said she had told her son not to play near the dumpster. "That's the only time I'm glad he did something wrong," she said.



CARLOS GREETED DEFENSE CHIEFS: King Juan Carlos, commander in chief of the Spanish armed forces, greets the chiefs of staff of the army, navy and air force prior to the starting Tuesday of his country's most important military meeting. Standing next to the king are Premier Calvo Sotelo (with glasses) and Defense Minister Alberto Oliart.

Fears of attack

Madrid police alerted

MADRID, March 25 (Agencies) — Police were on full alert in Madrid Wednesday amid fears that Basque nationalist extremists would attempt another terror attack against a Spanish army officer, a police source said here. Well-informed sources said police had discovered that an hit squad of the Basque Separatist Organization (ETA) was planning to assassinate a lieutenant-colonel in reprisal for Monday's government decision to deploy troops in the troubled Basque region.

The commando was believed led by Andres Izaguirre Gogorza, nicknamed "Gogor", who went into hiding after a shootout with security forces in Madrid on Feb. 4. His photograph was published in a number of newspapers here Wednesday. All police units in the capital were under orders to step up security measures and carry out identity checks on any suspicious person.

Army officers were urged to take extra care when travelling between home and work, and bodyguards of leading political figures were also alerted. Special security measures were in force at official buildings such as the defense ministry, and 250 police led by a national police captain were ringing the parliament building.

An official announcement said Spanish naval units were patrolling waters off the Basque coast. Two minesweepers from the Guipuzcoa region port of passages were now at sea, while a frigate, two patrol boats and other minesweepers were to be deployed to the port. The civil guard was also stepping up controls along the Basque country's border with Spain, the official said.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Leopoldo

Calvo Sotelo was scheduled to meet the leader of the Basque regional government here Wednesday to explain Monday's decision to use the military in the fight against Basque political violence. Political sources said Calvo Sotelo wanted to enlist the unequivocal support of Basque Premier Carlos Garaioa for the central government's latest campaign against ETA.

The killings of two senior army officers by suspected ETA guerrillas in the northern region last week prompted Calvo Sotelo and his top ministers to give the armed forces a direct role for the first time in combatting Basque political violence. In a major address to Spanish military commanders Tuesday King Juan Carlos urged the armed forces to respect the country's young democratic institutions, shaken to their foundations by an abortive military coup one month ago.

Garaioa held a series of meetings with Basque political leaders Tuesday in preparation for his discussions with Calvo Sotelo. Leaders of the Radical coalition Herri Batasuna (union of the people), considered close to ETA's violent military wing by Spanish authorities, have declined to join in the consultations.

Spokesmen for Herri Batasuna, second political force in the Basque country after Garaioa's moderate Basque Nationalist Party (PNV), said 32 of their members were detained by security forces only hours after the Madrid authorities announced they had given the military a direct role in a stepped-up anti-ETA campaign. Police sources said 26 persons suspected of having direct links with ETA-military had been detained.

Iran claims capturing Iraqi post

BEIRUT, March 25 (AP) — Iran claimed Wednesday its counterattacking forces reached the Iraqi border in two major war zones, prompting a massive retaliation of Iraqi air raids and ground-to-ground missile assaults on Iranian population centers.

Overnight communiques from Tehran reported Iran's Islamic revolutionary guards punched 2.5 miles into northern Iraq, overran an observation post and hoisted the Iranian flag over the captured center some 170 miles northeast of Baghdad.

The capture of the Koukalan post put the Kurdish populated regions of Halabcheh, Bijareh, Sayed Sadegh, Panjawan, Khorqal and the irrigation dam of Darbandkhan in northeastern Iraq at the mercy of Iranian forces, Iran's official Pars news agency reported.

Pars claimed the strategic hills of Marivan have been recaptured from the invading forces in two days of heavy fighting that preceded the cross-border assault on Koukalan in the seventh month of the Gulf war.

"None of the enemy movements is hidden from our forces," Pars said after the alleged capture of Koukalan in the 27th week of the war. The agency also said Iraqi airborne commandos made a fifth in three days to regain the strategic Chogalvand hills and claimed the attacking paratroop force was "completely wiped out."

An earlier military communique claimed Iranian regular forces completed the recapture of the Chogalvand chain of hills.

Chun party favored

75.6 per cent vote in S.Korea

SEOUL, March 25 (AP) — South Korean government officials said 75.6 per cent of the nation's 20.9 million eligible voters cast ballots Wednesday for a new 276-seats, unicameral National Assembly under a constitution enacted last October.

The preliminary turnout rate, apparently affected by rainfall during the day, was lower than the 77.1 per cent rate in the last assembly election in 1978. The polling stations were closed at 6 p.m. (0900GMT) and vote counting began two hours later. Election officials said that final results were expected to be made known before noon (0300GMT) Thursday.

Among those who voted early in the morning was President Chun Doo-hwan, whose dominant government party is heavily favored to control the new legislature. Accompanied by Mrs. Chun, the soldier-turned-politician voted at a polling station near his presidential mansion minutes after the polling booths were opened at 7 a.m. (2200GMT Tuesday).

Chun had returned from a tightly scheduled tour of provincial cities south of the capital in the final week of campaigning. He had called on the voters to give his Democratic Justice Party a working majority so that he could carry out his proposed reforms.

The Democratic Korea Party, which was expected to emerge as the major opposition party, contended, however, that the electorate should check any dictatorial tendency by not giving the government party too great a majority. Two assembly members will be elected from each of 92 districts, with another 92 assembly seats to be assigned under a proportional representation system.

More than 600 candidates were running for 184 seats at stake in the popular vote, but one district in the port city of Pusan was uncontested and two candidates there — one from the government party and the other from the Democratic Korea Party — were declared elected without voting.

The old assembly was dissolved when the new constitution was enacted last October. The election of a new legislature will complete procedures for the start of South Korea's fifth republic under the new constitution, which replaced the repressive "Yushin" charter of the late President Park Chung-hee which was written in 1972.

Chun, who rose to power in October 1979 was elected to a new, seven-year term by an electoral college in March. Many former big-name politicians were not in the running Wednesday because more than 500 persons have been purged from politics by the gov-

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

Friends of mine, a couple, passed by the other day. Could we take their kid for a week as they were going to Scotland and it's like a second honeymoon and they're sure we wouldn't mind — "All right," we said. "On your way. Careful of the Loch Ness monster."

The kid behaved well. No tears. Had his supper, then changed to go to bed. I took him to his bedroom, tucked him in, and said good night. "Good night!" he protested. "I can't sleep without a story. I must have a story." "Sorry," I said, "I don't know any stories. Better wait till your mummy and daddy come back. Then you can have all the stories you want."

"I want a story," he said. "I don't care what you say, I won't sleep without a story." I made myself look as threatening as possible. "No story," I said in a fearful voice. "Sleep!" He burst out crying. I felt jazy immediately. Also his dad is a diplomat and I won't have a visa to his country if the incident was to develop.

"OK, I said, a story. Little Red Riding Hood." "Rubbish," was his answer. "For babies," he amplified. "I want a real story." "All right, then, Sleeping Beauty." "Sleeping Beauty?" He was very sarcastic. "Where've you been grandad? Look, it was he who was menacing now. There's one kind of story for kids now and nothing else. Space adventure. Unless I have a space story I won't sleep. I'll even start crying again..."

Translated from Ashraf Al Awad



POLES GATHER: Members of the Solidarity branch office at Katowice gather in the heart of the town Monday when the leaders called for calm, reason and effective work. The gathering ended without any incident.

Workers present five-point list of demands in Poland

WARSAW, March 25 (Agencies) — The Solidarity labor movement has issued a five-point list of stiff demands on Poland's Communist government and warned it that planned strike action would go ahead unless they were fulfilled. The demands were made before talks between the union and the government were due to start Wednesday.

The conditions were set out by Solidarity's national consultative commission Tuesday night at the end of a stormy 20-hour meeting. The union reiterated its demand for the punishment of those responsible for an incident in the city of Bydgoszcz last Thursday when, according to Solidarity, a number of its members were injured in a police attack on unionists.

The latest list of Solidarity conditions

included granting of the right to reply to criticism of the union in the media, the right of private farmers to set up their own trade union and the annulment of a government law on half-pay for strike periods. The commission also sought a halt to all penal proceedings initiated by the authorities against dissidents "even if their activities constituted offenses in the light of existing laws."

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa was due to open talks with Deputy Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski later Wednesday in a last-minute attempt to avert a threatened four-hour national warning strike set for Friday and an indefinite general stoppage starting Tuesday. The two men met last Sunday but their talks were inconclusive.

A communique on the union's strike plans

said the stoppages would involve all but essential services. It called for the suspension of all government-union talks during the strikes.

Authorities announced Tuesday that the Sejm (parliament) would meet Monday, the day before the scheduled general strike.

Poland's Communist leaders have warned the country that the strikes could spell disaster, and party chief Stanislaw Karla said Solidarity would be courting self-destruction if it went ahead with its plans.

Meanwhile, East German newspapers reported Wednesday that Warsaw Pact troops participating in training exercises staged more landings on the Polish coast Tuesday.

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